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Suspects list drawn up; terror plan denied

WASHINGTON, April 9. (Agencies): US and European security officials have drawn up a list of people they suspect were involved in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, the Washington Post reported today.

The Dec 21 bombing killed all 259 people aboard the aircraft and 11 on the ground in Lockerbie, Scotland.

The Post, quoting US sources close to the investigation, said belief has hardened that Palestinians associated with the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command were involved.

The newspaper said US officials continued to caution that no final determinations have been reached. It quoted one official as saying "they have names of suspects but no conclusions."

Meanwhile, the London Sunday Telegraph reported from Washington today that Libya is planning terrorist attacks against US airlines and other American targets to mark the third anniversary of the bombing of Libya on April 15.

The weekly attributed its story to an unidentified senior intelligence official who said the Libyan threats were being taken "very seriously" as they were based on "hard evidence, not vague suspicions."

It said the official would not discuss details or the source of the information.

The official Libyan news agency JANA, in a dispatch monitored in Rome, denied the report.

In a commentary by its international affairs editor, who was not named, JANA said: "We reaffirm, once again, that these claims are lies and groundless and we renew our bewilderment at this strange determination by the mass media in continuing the promotion of these lies."

Benazir will visit Turkey

ANKARA, April 9. (Reuter): Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will pay an official visit to Turkey on May 24-27, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said today.

"The visit by the distinguished premier of brotherly Pakistan will further strengthen the strong bonds between the two nations," a ministry statement said.

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Policeman ablaze

Radical students pelted riot police with rocks and firebombs yesterday in South Korea after police blocked protesters trying to gain access to a university campus for an anti-government rally.

Several hundred students yelling "Overthrow President Roh Tae-Woo" clashed with riot police

outside the main gate of Hanyang University in eastern Seoul after police refused to allow students from other schools to enter.

Picture shows a plainclothes policeman ablaze after being hit by a firebomb hurled by students.

'Island Manila besieged'

Villages ours: Salas

MANILA, April 9. (UPI): Leftist guerrillas control most of the country's villages and are gaining strength despite some recent setbacks in their war against the government, an imprisoned rebel leader said in an interview published Sunday.

In an interview in the *Manila Chronicle* newspaper, guerrilla leader Rodolfo Salas described as "fairly accurate" a recent report of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, which said 12,000 of the Philippines' 41,000 villages are under rebel control.

"But outside metropolitan Manila, in the 63 provinces, we already control most of the villages except probably those close to the capital," Salas said.

Salas was arrested September 29, 1986, and is imprisoned at a military camp outside Manila on charges of fomenting rebellion. He was believed to be head of the Communist Party at the time of his arrest.

Salas acknowledged that there

Marijuana cache seized

MANILA, Philippines, April 9. (AP): Philippine narcotics agents seized 530 kilogrammes (1,166 pounds) of marijuana, worth an estimated one million US dollars, from a warehouse in a Manila suburb, police said yesterday.

Brig.-General Pantaleon Dumla, Philippine constabulary narcotics command chief, said the dried marijuana leaves, packed in several boxes, arrived from the northern Philippines on fishing boats. The contraband was being stockpiled for shipment to Hong Kong, he said.

Sources said the marijuana stockpile, which narcotics agents estimated was worth about one million dollars, was to be delivered to the 14-karat Hong Kong Triad, an international drug ring.

Two people were arrested during the raid on Friday in the fishing town of Navotas, a Manila suburb, police said.

New People's Army, the party's 25,000-member military wing, have helped the guerrilla campaign to maintain its strength.

Philippine military officials say they have scored significant successes against the Communist insurgency, and analysts have noted that the rebels appear to be split by internal conflicts.

Salas acknowledged that there

are differences of viewpoint within the party, but he said they do not constitute major divisions.

■ Three foreign mountaineers taken by Communist rebels for questioning in the southern Philippines may be released Monday, the leaders of their climbing expedition said Sunday.

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Rockets hit Christian area

Ceasefire violated again

BEIRUT, April 9. (Agencies): More than 15 rockets were fired from Syrian-occupied Muslim West Beirut and crashed into Christian regions yesterday, in yet another violation of an Arab League demand to stop weeks of fighting.

In a broadcast on Monte Carlo Radio yesterday, Jean Francois Deniau, the Vice-President of the French national assembly's foreign affairs committee who visited Beirut earlier this week,

criticised Syria.

"There is a plot to wipe Lebanon off the map. We should tell Syria that the situation cannot continue like this. The Lebanese crisis should be referred to the Security Council," Deniau was quoted as saying.

The French official also accused Syria of controlling the Muslims' decision-making.

"Salim Hoss and other Muslim officials are under the control of

Kuwaiti experts are also considering joint ventures with Soviet enterprises.

The Kuwait Management Foundation Company last November formed the first ever Kuwaiti-Soviet joint venture company with a group of Soviet

firms including car manufacturers Afto Zil, and GOS Agroprom from the Russian Soviet Republic. The joint venture, known as the Soviet Kuwait Engineering Co., has paid up capital of \$3.2 million and Kuwaiti ownership of 49 percent, Lazarev said.

Projects under consideration include the construction of cultural centres for workers of the Afto Zil factory, reconstruction of historical buildings, office blocks, restaurants and health

Boy killed in Gaza

Israel in indirect dialogue with PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 9. (Agencies): Finance Minister Shimon Peres acknowledged today that Israel was negotiating indirectly with the PLO through US mediation. In the occupied territories, soldiers reportedly shot and killed a 12-year-old boy after a firebomb was hurled at a jeep.

At least two leading PLO supporters from the occupied lands were reported visiting Cairo to discuss with Egyptian officials Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's proposal for elections among Palestinians.

Today's violence erupted in the Gaza Strip village of Jabaliya, and Arab reports said six youths were injured in addition to the one killed. The Army was checking the reports.

The reports said Mahmoud Dib Nabhan arrived dead at Shifa hospital in Gaza city with a plastic bullet lodged in his chest after troops responded with gunfire to the firebomb attack.

Nabhan's death raised to 423 the number of Palestinians killed during the uprising. Eighteen Israelis also have died.

The violence came as Palestinians staged a second straight day of a general strike marking the start of the 17th month of their uprising against Israeli rule.

Soldiers attempted to contain the violence by maintaining curfews on other key trouble spots in Gaza, which meant confining more than 215,000 Palestinians to their homes, Arab reports said.

Peres, head of the left-leaning Labour Party, issued his first full reaction to Shamir's elections plan for the occupied territories in interviews with two Israeli radio stations.

Shamir's plan, as unveiled last Thursday to US President George Bush, calls for Palestinian balloting to select representatives who would negotiate an interim solution of self-rule, or autonomy, in the disputed lands.

Peres indicated he supported the plan but predicted three major difficulties in implementing it, including:

● Shamir's opposition to foreign supervision of the balloting, which both the Arabs and the United States have sought.

● Whether municipal or other political officials would be elected, with the Americans apparently preferring the polls carry wider significance than local balloting.

● Whether Arab residents of Israeli-annexed East Jerusalem would participate in the balloting. In the last elections held in the territories in 1976, East Jerusalem residents were excluded because Israel claims sovereignty over the city.

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Food poisons police cadets

391 fall ill after having iftar



One of the cadets being taken to hospital.

Sub disaster toll may be 60

'No radiation'

OSLO, April 9. (Reuters): Up to 60 Soviet sailors may have died when their nuclear submarine sank in Arctic waters after a fire and explosion on board, Norway said on Sunday that tests showed no evidence of any radiation leaks in the area.

Norwegian Defence Minister Johan Joergen Holst said there was no apparent radioactive threat to the environment from the *Mike* class attack submarine's twin nuclear reactors.

The vessel, used to test advanced weapons systems, sank on Friday.

Holst told Reuters in an interview that he did not believe the Kremlin had tried to cover up details of Friday's accident, although he criticised Moscow for delays in telling the outside world what had happened.

"It would appear that there is no danger of a (radiation) leak, which is what we expected and, indeed, what has happened in previous accidents of this kind," he said.

Norwegian scientists said that

Docs to check hijacker

OTTAWA, April 9. (UPI): A Lebanese immigrant was charged yesterday with hijacking a Greyhound bus and holding its passengers hostage for hours in front of Parliament, and his lawyer said the suspect would be examined by a psychiatrist before facing trial.

The passengers, who were released unharmed when the hijacker surrendered peacefully to police at 7:56 pm Friday (0056 GMT Saturday), continued their journey to New York City or returned to Montreal early yesterday a spokesman for Greyhound Lines in Dallas said.

Charles Yacoub, 32, who claimed to represent a previously unknown group called the Christian Lebanese Liberation Front, was formally charged before a justice of the peace yesterday.

The short, gray-haired man appeared briefly in Ontario provincial court and was ordered to return on April 10.

Hot letters penned by royal aide

LONDON, April 9. (Reuters): A senior royal aide sent four handwritten letters to Princess Anne which newspapers today described as intimate and "too hot to handle".

Buckingham Palace said in a statement that Commander Timothy Laurence, an unmarried former Royal Navy officer who is equerry to Queen Elizabeth, wrote the letters to her only daughter. It would not elaborate on their contents.

The letters, which the tabloid *People* newspaper said had been written over 18 months, were stolen from Buckingham Palace in what was seen as a major security breach and offered to the *Sun* newspaper for publication.

The theft of the letters has added to tabloid speculation that the 15-year marriage of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips is troubled. They are apart for up to six months a year.

Prophet's pix printed

Bangladesh bans Newsweek

blasphemy to the religion.

The Government of Bangladesh banned the publication yesterday, an official Home Ministry announcement said.

Bangladesh also banned Salman Rushdie's novel *The Satanic Verses*. Many Muslims say the book makes derogatory references to Islam, Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), his wives and the Holy Quran.

Widespread street protests erupted against Rushdie's novel across the country after it was banned last December.

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Grand Bingo

The Four Corners prize has been won. Mr Gabriel M. Fernandes will receive KD 25. Game No. 69 continues for Top Line and Three Full House prizes.

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Secret effort to aid Contras revealed

40 officials were aware of help

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): Though Ronald Reagan vowed his administration wasn't helping Nicaraguan rebels against Congress' wishes, his successor's government now admits the former President and dozens of others were leaning on other countries to give the Contras arms and money.

Using code names like "Tip-ped kettle II," "Elephant herd," and "Focal point," US official under Reagan praised, cajoled, warned and admonished other governments in the massive secret effort to keep the Contra movement alive.

Details of the effort were laid out in an extraordinary document read into the record on Thursday in the trial of Oliver North, the fired National Security Council aide accused of breaking the law in efforts to help the Nicaraguan rebels. The government and North's attorneys agreed that the facts in the document are true.

The extent of the government's efforts and the number of individuals who were aware of them are described for the first time in the summary of facts.

The document names at least 40 officials, including President George Bush — then Reagan's Vice-President — who were aware of the clandestine efforts to get assistance for the Contras, including during the 1984-85 period when Congress blocked direct and indirect US aid to the rebels, and into 1986 when only non-lethal aid was allowed.

North's defense hinges on the argument he orchestrated the efforts at the orders of White House superiors. That proposition is bolstered by the court document.

According to the document, both Taiwan and the People's Republic of China were asked to aid the Contras.

It said the White House and the CIA "learned of reports" of a meeting between an Israeli government official and Michael Armacost, then undersecretary of State for political affairs, to discuss Israeli help for the Contras.

North had met with Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega and turned down his offer to kill Sandinista leaders if the United States would help him clean up his image. The Reagan administration later indicted Noriega in connection with drug dealing.

The document in particular notes that major pressure was applied to get Nicaragua's four closest neighbors — El Salvador, Honduras, Costa Rica, and Guatemala — to provide arms, facilitate weapons deliveries and allow their territory to be used for support operations.

Bush is cited as an emissary from the White House to Honduras, carrying word in March 1985 to then-President Roberto Suazo that Reagan would speed US aid to his country.

While Reagan was urging Suazo to do all in his power to "support those who struggle for freedom and democracy," State Department officials publicly were telling Congress they acknowledged solicitation of third countries was illegal under the aid ban.

Bush later was to play a major role in pressuring the new Honduran President, Jose Azcuna, to help set up the aid network. Bush was to emphasize the importance of keeping the Contras strong. While National Security Adviser John Poindexter would meet privately with Azcuna to seek a commitment for Honduran support of the Contras, the document said.

The summary also says late

CIA Director William Casey, in July 1984, told his deputy John McMahon and deputy Secretary of State Kenneth Dam that "those present ought to get moving" on non-US funding for the rebels in light of Attorney-General William French Smith's ruling that such fund-raising would not be an impeachable offense.

Smith's ruling stated that third-country solicitation was acceptable only if there was "quid pro quo."

As early as August of 1984, shortly after Congress cut off US aid to the rebels, then-Secretary of State George Shultz was proposing a plan to "wink at lethal support for the resistance," according to the document. The idea was that the United States would give arms to El Salvador which in turn would give arms to the Contras.

In his testimony to the congressional Iran-Contra investigating committee, however, Shultz had said he opposed soliciting third countries that were major US aid recipients.

If Contra supporters were rewarded, then the Reagan White House took the opposite view of those who didn't cooperate.

Costa Rican President Oscar Arias was persona non grata in Washington after his government revealed in September 1986 the existence of the Santa Elena airstrip, which his predecessor had sanctioned for use by the Contra supply operation. North recommended cancellation of a planned Arias visit to the White House because of the Santa Elena disclosure.

Conversely, North got Reagan to agree in March 1986 to pose for a "photo opportunity" with Costa Rican official Benjamin Piza, who had arranged for construction of the Santa Elena airstrip.

Villagers oppose Indian missile launch

CHANDIPUR, India, April 9, (AP): As dusk descends on this seaside village, men light kerosene lamps and women keep conch shells handy for a night vigil against the enemy — an Indian ballistic missile.

The 12,000 villagers of Chandipur say test-firing of India's first long-range ballistic missile could be dangerous, and that the government's request they evacuate their homes for four hours during the test could turn into a long-term eviction.

The nighttime vigil, with

conch shells ready to be blown as alarms, aims to prevent any attempt to turn the villagers out of their homes during the night.

The

test-firing of the missile, named Agni or "fire" in Hindi, is scheduled for later this month. It will rank India along with the United States, the Soviet Union, France, Britain and China in ballistic missile capabilities, military experts say.

The

test-firing also will enhance the power of India's 1.36-million-man Army and the country's geopolitical influence

in the region, experts say.

"By firing the missile we are showing that we have the technology," said V.S. Arunachalam, scientific adviser to the Defence Ministry.

"It is more a technology demonstration, but it can be used in defence should the country require," said Arunachalam, who has been overseeing the country's defence research since 1982.

"Will it carry nuclear warheads?" he asked. "If you want

you can carry a nuclear warhead even on a bullock cart."

Since April 1987, India has successfully tested three types of surface-to-air and surface-to-surface missiles, with ranges varying from nine kilometres (5.5 miles) to 250 kilometres (155 miles).

India also had test-fired two other missiles in 1987 and 1988.

"But Agni is something very potential," a scientist said in Chandipur. "... If we are successful, it will give a

tremendous boost to us and to our military."

The villagers are being lured with money and promise of free food and popular film videos if they leave their homes during launch time and move to temporary camps set up in the area.

But residents refuse to budge, and the confrontation goes on with no sign of settlement.

The missile, with a range of 600 to 2,500 kilometres (370 to 1,550 miles), will carry a one-ton payload, the scientist said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Oldest Japanese turns 113

TOKYO, April 9, (AP): Mitsu Fujisawa, Japan's oldest person, marked her 113th birthday today in a hospital where she has been under treatment since February for neuromuscular disease.

Her daughter, Midori Sato, 71, said Mrs Fujisawa is "all right except for her neuromuscular, and can walk unaided, but has some trouble hearing."

Officials of Suwa Kyoritsu hospital in Nagano, in north central Japan, said nurses greeted Mrs Fujisawa on her birthday, but there was no special celebration.

Two Sikhs detained

BOMBAY, April 9, (AP): Two Sikhs charged with conspiracy in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi were arrested yesterday, police said.

Additionally Police Commissioner Arvind Inamdar said Jagmohan Singh, 35, and Dalip Singh, 55, did not offer resistance when they were arrested at their homes.

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**Violent clashes**

Protesters hurled bottles and rocks and attacked police with nails outside a meeting hall where members of the ultra-right Republicans Party were holding a rally, in Aschaffenburg, West Germany, officials said. Police in Aschaffenburg said the violence erupted Friday night after about 500 demonstrators broke

off from a peaceful protest and marched toward the building where the Republicans were holding the rally.

Picture shows sympathizers of W. German Red Army faction demonstrate for merging of RAF prisoners in West Berlin.

NEWS IN BRIEF**Djibouti flood**

DJIBOUTI, April 9, (AP): Three days of rains have damaged 70 per cent of Djibouti, killed at least four people and left three-quarters of its population homeless, officials of the East African nation said yesterday.

The Army and police forces have been mobilised to help move out flood victims, distribute food and set up tents under an emergency plan declared on Friday. Some of the 4,000 French soldiers stationed in the former colony were assisting in the effort.

The torrential rain, which started on Thursday, has cut the capital from the main arteries, isolating the capital from the rest of the country. Officials said 150,000 of the main city's 200,000 residents were homeless.

Judge killed

PALACIOS, Texas, April 9, (AP): A masked gunman killed a judge in a courthouse annex and critically wounded a police officer before he was fatally wounded in shoot-out, authorities said.

Police said they have no motive in Friday's shooting.

Killed was Justice of the Peace Jack Dooley, 79, assistant police chief Emmitt Greene was shot in the chest, said police chief Don Gullett. Greene was in serious condition Friday night at Matagorda General Hospital in Bay City.

The gunman was identified as Due Nga Nguyen, 27, from Garden City, Kansas.

Rains hit Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 9, (AP): Torrential rains have killed six people and left thousands homeless in northeastern Brazil, rescue officials said yesterday.

Worst hit in the two-day downpour was the coastal city of Joao Pessoa, some 1,600 miles (2,600 kilometres) northeast of Rio in the state of Paraiba, where a mud and straw hut caved in crushing six family members, said civil defence chief Valder Rufino, who co-ordinated rescue efforts.

Jailbreak

DEDHAM, Massachusetts, April 9, (UPI): State and local police searched yesterday for nine of 13 men who sawed their way out of the century-old Norfolk County House of Correction in a jailbreak the sheriff blamed on severe overcrowding.

The other four fugitives in the suburban jail's largest breakout were picked up by yesterday morning in Boston and suburban Dedham and Quincy, police said.

Painting seized

PARIS, April 9, (AP): Police yesterday seized seven works of art attributed to Utrillo following a complaint that the six paintings and one drawing were counterfeit.

The art works were scheduled to be auctioned this weekend.

Judge Catherine Courcier ordered the paintings' seized from the Drouot Auction House after Jean Fabris, the sole heir of the painter's widow, Lucie Valore, filed a complaint claiming the works were counterfeit.

Utrillo, who specialised in the street scenes of Montmartre, is known to have been widely copied even during his lifetime. He died in 1955.

'I won't have sex in US; there is no risk'**AIDS infected Dutch finally arrives**

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9, (UPI): A Dutch AIDS prevention worker infected with the AIDS virus, who was detained for nearly a week in Minnesota by immigration authorities, finally arrived in San Francisco on Friday night to attend a conference on the prevention of the disease.

Hans Paul Verhoeve, 31, a conference delegate from Rotterdam who had been barred from entering the United States because of his infection, arrived on an airline flight shortly before 10 pm.

After his arrival at San Francisco International Airport, he was driven to a downtown hotel in a limousine sent by the office of San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos.

Verhoeve said he was very tired and would discuss his ordeal Saturday at the conference, which began Wednesday and ends today.

Earlier in the day, the board of immigration appeals refused to further delay the travels of Verhoeve, who was accompanied by Eric Engstrom of the Minnesota AIDS project on the flight to San Francisco.

"We're very happy to know that they are on their way," said Cliff Steele, chief operations

officer of the Minnesota AIDS project.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, citing laws forbidding entry to AIDS-stricken foreign visitors without a waiver, had asked the appeals board in Washington, D.C., to overturn a ruling permitting Verhoeve to resume his travels.

Immigration judge Robert Vinikoor in Chicago ruled that Verhoeve could travel to San Francisco if he could post \$10,000 bond and promised to leave the country in three weeks.

"I accept his word that he will avoid high-risk behaviour," the judge said.

The Minnesota AIDS project put up Verhoeve's bond money.

Thomas Schiltgen, INS district director in St Paul, had recommended Verhoeve be permitted to make the trip to San Francisco, but INS officials in Washington, D.C. rejected the idea, and the case was brought to the appeals board.

Verhoeve has been in INS custody since Sunday when customs inspectors found the drug AZT in his luggage during a routine search at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Verhoeve is taking AZT, the only approved drug in the United States for treating HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus, infection, a foreunner of AIDS.

Verhoeve told Vinikoor that is not a health risk. He said he found out he carried the virus last October and had engaged in safe sex since then. He said he did not intend to have sexual intercourse while in the United States.

Asked if he felt he would be putting anyone in danger, he answered, "no, I don't think so."

His lawyer said Verhoeve is a "credible individual" with "no intention to have sex in the United States so essentially, there is no risk."

Verhoeve will be allowed to stay in the United States as a "visitor for business" and must leave by April 28.

450 hurt in concert**Sweet music not for all**

MONTERREY, Mexico, April 9, (AP): An estimated 450 people were injured in a stampede at a concert by British rock star Rod Stewart, hospital officials said yesterday.

Witnesses said that the stampede began shortly before Stewart came on stage 11-2 hours late Friday night, when impatient fans tried to push toward the stage.

The fans overpowered security guards trying to hold them back, resulting in hundreds of people being crushed, witnesses said.

The Red Cross said the 450 people required bandages or oxygen. They said three of those injured were taken to hospitals for treatment of broken bones, but no one was reported to be injured seriously.

Authorities in Guadalajara, 360 miles (580 kilometres) northwest of the capital, said yesterday they were preparing to tighten security for the Rod Stewart concert scheduled for Wednesday.

The entertainer from Scotland is appearing in four Mexican shows on the last stop of his Latin American tour which began in February in Argentina.

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Abortion activists set for march

WASHINGTON, April 9, (AP): Tens of thousands of people, including a huge array of cinema stars, converged on the nation's capital yesterday for today's march billed as the largest ever in favour of abortion rights.

"Tomorrow is only a beginning," declared Molly Yard, president of the National Organisation for Women. "It is a statement to President (George) Bush and to the (US) Supreme Court that the women of this country are not going back."

At a news conference at which she and other

Tanker doomed years before liquored captain went aboard**Plan to prevent disaster ignored**

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 9, (AP): We say the worst can never happen—but the Three Mile Island reactor nears meltdown, the space shuttle blows up.

And the Exxon Valdez runs aground.

The course for doom steered Good Friday morning by the Exxon Valdez, with a liquored captain on board and an uncertain third mate in command, was charted years before when restrictions were relaxed, cleanup teams were disbanded and their safeguards.

An examination by the Associated Press reveals a course charted by greed, neglect, complacency, a depressed oil economy and a strapped federal budget.

Dozens of interviews with former officials and safety officers, along with a study of state records and original contingency proposals,

indicate that a plan to avert a tanker tragedy was developed a decade ago, then gradually dismantled.

As investigators seek the causes of the nation's worst oil spill, which has despoiled a lush wildlife habitat, perhaps for years, they will find that decisions made by state and federal officials and the oil industry bear far more scrutiny than the drinks downed by Capt. Joseph Hazelwood, officials told the AP.

Factors include:

- Rejection by the Coast Guard and Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., the consortium of eight oil giants in the Prudhoe Bay fields, of a 1976 state study that forecast tanker accidents and urged such requirements as double-hulled tankers and tugboat escorts beyond Bligh reef. Last Thursday, Alyeska began tug-boat escorts.

Shifting wind drives oil**Top US fishing port is in danger**

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 9, (Agencies): Shifting wind drove oil from the Exxon Valdez toward the nation's No. 1 fishing port, while the Defense Department yesterday sent a special team and equipment to help clean up the giant slick.

Wind from the southeast and northeast pushed oil toward Kodiak island, 300 miles (480 kilometres) from the site of the nation's worst oil spill two weeks ago. The direction of the crude raised fears that the port town of Kodiak, which last year had \$160 million worth of catches, could be polluted within days, officials said.

Thousands of gallons (litres) of crude oil gloop scooped up from Prince William Sound are being loaded onto barges and could eventually

be sold and even used to pave highways, Exxon said.

As operations enter their third week, workers have recovered more than 16,000 barrels of the 240,000 barrels spilled from the Exxon Valdez.

A Long Island government official yesterday asked county employees to surrender their Exxon gasoline credit cards, faulting the corporation for failing to contain the largest oil spill in US history.

Suffolk county executive Patrick Halpin also directed the county government to end any contractual obligations with Exxon Corp.

Exxon Corp. and the operator of the Trans-Alaska oil-pipeline terminal could face fines exceeding \$700 million as a result of the spill, state and federal law indicates.

Carry on nurse
Murder by insulin overdose in hospital

VIENNA, April 9, (AP): An estimated 30 patients may have been killed at a Vienna hospital by at least three nurses who gave them overdoses of insulin and other medication, the city's police chief said yesterday.

The three nurses were arrested Friday in what authorities say is the first mass murder case in an Austrian hospital. But Vienna police chief Guenter Boegl said yesterday that more people might be arrested as the investigation continues.

Boegl said all three nurses had confessed. He said their confessions "differ essentially only as the number of possible victims."

Boegl dismissed as "exaggerated" news reports that some 70 patients had been killed by the nurses. He said investigators believed about half that number had died.

Josef Siska, the head of the police homicide squad, told Austrian radio yesterday that the killing of patients at Vienna's Lainz Hospital involved more than giving them medicine, but he did not elaborate.

Boegl said, however, that he did not know of any cases where patients were suffocated with cushions.

Police said the three nurses were aged 25, 27 and 30, their names were not revealed.

Boegl theorised that the three suspects killed the patients out of "wrongly understood euthanasia, but other motives as well."

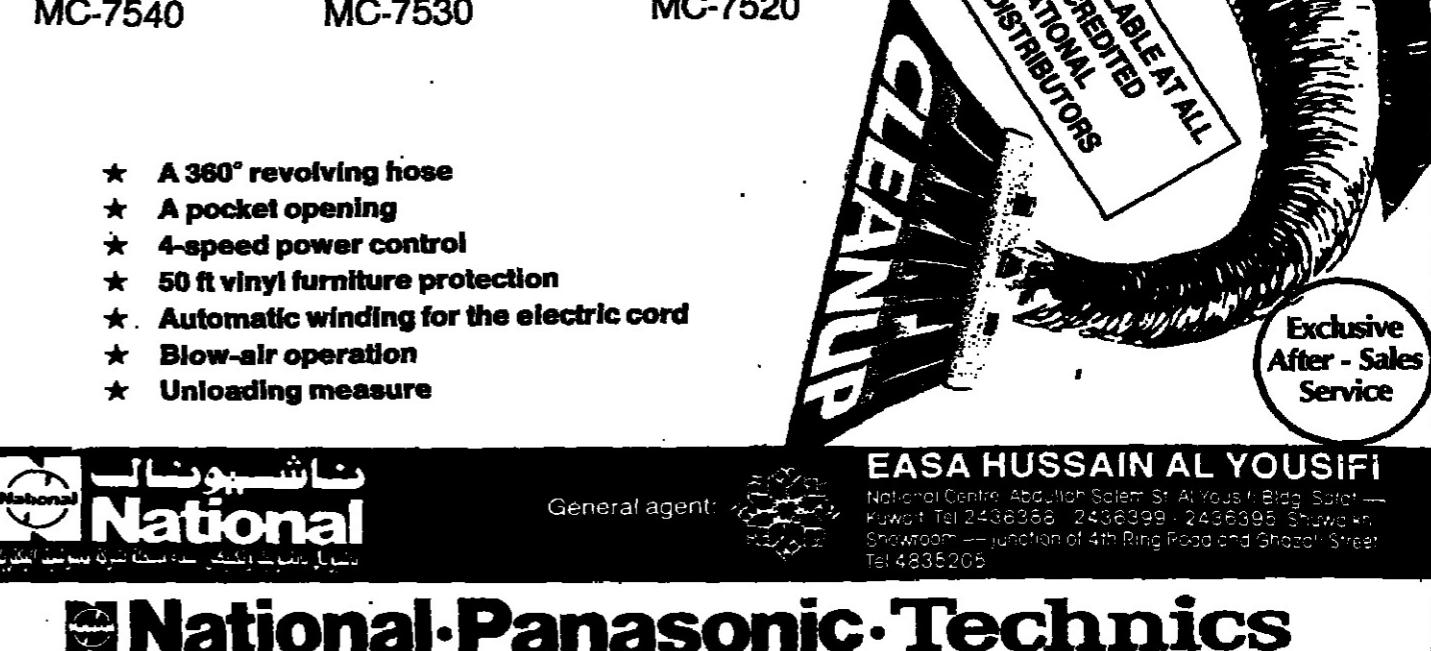
Euthanasia, causing painless death, is advocated by some people as a method for ending the lives of people suffering from incurable, painful diseases.

Alois Stacher, Vienna's municipal health councilman, notified police after doctors found that one of the patients had recently received an overdose of insulin that could have been fatal. That patient survived, Stacher told Austrian public television Friday.

Stacher told Austrian Radio yesterday a similar case had been discovered last year.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Departure fees

THE levying of departure fees at Kuwait's International Airport is in keeping with the principle which calls for public contributions towards services extended by the government, according to a senior Kuwaiti official.

In an interview with a local daily, Kuwait's Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Mazzidi said that the KD2 per passenger departure fee will not suffice to meet the commissioning charges of the airport. But, it will make up for a minor part of the expenditure borne by the state for this vital facility, he said.

The expected return from these fees is KD2.75 million in one fiscal year. Provisions of the budget related only to salaries and services amount to KD10 million, Mazzidi said.

The execution of the first stage of the expansion of the airport will begin after the endorsement of the fiscal budget for the year 1989/1990 and is expected to be completed by 1995. On completion, the airport will be able to handle five million passengers per year, which is estimated to be adequate to service passengers up to 2015.

The official added that necessary preparations are currently underway to meet the influx of ships at Kuwaiti ports after the ceasefire in the Iraq-Iran war. The transit trade will also play a significant role towards regenerating activities of local ports in view of the distinguished location of Kuwait in the Arabian Gulf, Mazzidi said.

Peace efforts

MANAMA, April 9. (KUNA): Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa has said that Bahrain and the Gulf Co-operation Council countries are peace supporters.

In an interview with Bahraini daily Al Ayam published today, the Bahraini official expressed satisfaction with the strides of the GCC countries and said that the council is a pioneering experiment that embodied the aspirations of the GCC citizens.

Sheikh Khalifa also welcomed the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) and the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU) stressing that they will boost Arab solidarity.

Permanent peace in the Middle East cannot be established without solving the Palestinian cause, Sheikh Khalifa said and added that Arabs are marching this path, but slowly.

The Palestinian intifada had opened the eyes of the world to the nature of the Palestinian struggle, the Bahraini official said, adding that the stone-throwers were able to grab the attention of the world.

Mubarak message

ABU DHABI, April 9. (KUNA): United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan received last night a phone call from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The two leaders discussed the current situation in the Arab world and the efforts to reach a joint Arab stance on national issues, an official report said today.

Sheikh Zayed hailed Egypt's role in Arab and Islamic issues and its role in supporting joint Arab work.

The Saudi monarch King Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz also received a phone call from President Mubarak.

Mubarak briefed King Fahd on the outcome of his visit to Washington and the two leaders exchanged views on Arab and Islamic issues, according to press reports.

Refai for Baghdad

AMMAN, April 9. (KUNA): Jordanian Premier Zaid Al Refai leaves next Monday for Baghdad to represent Jordan at the meetings of prime ministers of the four member states of the Arab Co-operation Council, which will start on the 10th of this month.

A source told Kuwait News Agency that Refai will be accompanied by a high ranking delegation.

The meetings, which groups prime ministers of Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Yemen Arab Republic, will tackle drawing up the structure of the ACC's Secretariat General and take necessary steps to unify laws.

The second summit meeting of the ACC will be held in the Egyptian capital next May.

The first ACC summit was held in Baghdad last February 16 during which the establishment of this Arab organisation was announced.

Indian envoy

In a press release the Indian Embassy has said Nagendra Nath Jha, Ambassador of India, met yesterday with Undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sulaiman Majid Al Shafeen. They discussed means to further strengthen co-operation between the two countries in addition to other matters of mutual interest.

Customer ire at high prices in co-ops

Profits only motive, say clients

CUSTOMERS visiting the various co-operative societies in Kuwait on the occasion of the start of the holy month of Ramadan were greatly angered by what they described as "very high prices", a local daily reported.

The customers accused the co-ops of becoming like other commercial markets, only aiming at making profits. They also said that some of the necessary com-

modities for Ramadan were not available. They held the board of directors responsible for the situations that the co-ops have re-

duced too high, particularly in this holy month. He called upon officials to intervene in order to find a solution to this problem. He also accused some of the co-ops with financial and administration violations.

Supervision

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dates. The customer said that supervision over the co-operative societies is almost non-existent, and thus leaves them to do what they like. He added that many of the co-operatives do not show much profit, and at the same time do not contribute to community development and social projects.

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Amiri medals for officers

Director of the General Investigations Department, Col. Yacoub Al Muhyani yesterday decorated a number of officers and policemen who have been granted the honour of HH the Amir's medals.

Kuwait a leading international promoter of GCC objectives

20-page supplement by US magazine

WASHINGTON, April 9. (KUNA): Hundreds of thousands of readers of the Washington Post Sunday Magazine were treated today to a 20-page supplement on Kuwait, its development, and its economic might.

The four-colour supplement carried beautiful pictures of Kuwait and its top leaders led by HH the Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah in addition to members of the government and top Kuwaiti economists and bankers.

The magazine ran an exclusive interview with Kuwait's Ambassador to the United States, Sheikh Saad Naser Al Sabah, who focussed on the development of Kuwaiti-US relations.

More than seventeen articles in the widely-circulated Sunday supplement - believed to reach over 75,000 readers - discussed Kuwait's record of progress and prosperity, how Kuwaiti culture "blends old with new," and how "confidence has been restored in the banking sector."

In addition to discussing the reported growth of four commercial banks in Kuwait, the supplement had a lengthy analysis of how Kuwait's "substantial oil reserves assure Kuwait's future."

Other articles covered such issues as investment, computer companies, the country's modern communications, and the growth and expansion of Kuwait Airways, now celebrating 35 years of success.

The Post said in its leading article: "Today, under the rule of the Amir, His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, Kuwait is one of the richest countries on earth. Its proven oil reserves are the world's second largest. At current levels of production, these reserves will last 200 years."

It noted how Kuwait's old mud-brick buildings are gone, "replaced by modern high-rises, upscale restaurants, and fashionable boutiques."

It emphasised the fact that thanks to its oil revenues, Kuwait "built up its infrastructure and institutions and created a modern welfare state. It also became a major player in international financial markets, and diversified into downstream production and marketing operations that are now centred in Western Europe."

The Post noted the fact that "Kuwait plays a significant role in OPEC" and that it has "emerged as a major actor in the Gulf region."

It added: "Since the GCC's inception (in May 1981), Kuwait has been a leader in promoting the GCC's goals, not only in the Gulf but elsewhere in the world."

But the Post admitted that the 1980s proved difficult for Kuwait and its neighbours. It said that by 1982, Kuwait's economy was seriously affected by three factors: declining oil prices and production because of a depressed world market, the crash of the local stock market, Souk Al Manakh, and the nearby Iran-Iraq war.

But then it emphasised the fact that "Kuwait has successfully dealt with all three ill-effects on its economy," noting that "even the problem least susceptible of control — the Iran-Iraq war — is apparently at an end."

The Post supplement said that "although the war adversely affected Kuwait's economy, it also had a positive effect. Relations between Kuwait and the US are now better than ever."

It added, "the only serious disagreement between the two countries continues to be US policy toward Israel."

The Post referred to the fact that Kuwait's Crown Prince, Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, is traveling throughout the Gulf, mending fences in the hopes of once again restoring peace and prosperity to the region."

The article stated the fact that Kuwait's oil reserves, nearly 100 billion barrels, are second only to Saudi Arabia. It said that at current levels of production, it is estimated that Kuwait's oil reserves will last more than two centuries. It also lauded the fact that "it is this abundance of oil that has led Kuwait to formulate its downstream strategy of creating a variety of products for consumers."

New tamper-proof Kuwaiti passports

Nationality applications under consideration

By Salyed Othman

A STUDY is currently under way to determine the various technical aspects of issuing new tamper-proof Kuwaiti passports, according to a senior passport official.

The necessity of issuing the newly-designed passports has become imperative following the misuse of passports either stolen or lost by Kuwaiti citizens while abroad. A total of 200 to 300 passports are reported missing every year.

Design

The present study is aimed at determining the type of paper, passport design, chemical composition of engraving and other requirements which will ensure that the passport cannot be forged, according to Hajji Al Muzyeni, assistant under-secretary for nationality affairs

and travel documents at the Ministry of the Interior.

The department processes a total of 2,500 passport applications daily, the official said. He appealed to all citizens to apply for renewal of their passports well in advance, as the verification process consumes quite some time.

Process

Muzyeni said that there were no new developments regarding the issuance of laissez-passer certificates and that applications for this document are being processed in line with ministerial decision number 17.

He added that those who desire to have their laissez-passer certificates renewed so that they could travel to their own countries and obtain passports, could do so, provided they used their passport on their entry back into Kuwait.

Kuwaitis will wait for a lapse of 15 years before they can apply for citizenship. This period is determined to ensure that the marriage is durable and is not meant for personal gains.

The validity of Kuwaiti passports issued under article 17 expires with the completion of the official mission for which it had originally been issued for, the official said.

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Regarding nationality, Muzyeni said the Higher Committee on Nationality Applications is considering applications in line with a predetermined code of instructions within the framework of the law.

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Computers to be interlinked

New 'packet switch' service

A NEW communication service called "Packet Switch" is to be introduced by the Ministry of Communications.

The new device will enable the inter-transfer of computerised data among various subscriber networks, ministry's assistant under-secretary for technical affairs, Salman Al Roumi, said.

The service will also enable subscribers to send and receive information and data in and outside Kuwait at great speed, the said official informed a local daily.

Tested

Roumi said that the new service is currently being tested and if successful will benefit banks, investment institutions, science clubs and aviation facilities which rely mainly on quick exchange of computerised data.

Plans have been formulated to link networks with international services to cover most of the world centres. The service is intended to be cost-effective, high error-proof operations and versatility of handling technicians, Roumi added.

Capital punishment for drug peddlars proposed

SENIOR officials have called on Kuwaiti lawmakers to amend the anti-narcotics law by providing deterrent punishment, including capital punishment against certain categories of drug traffickers.

Dr Ali Abdul Fatah, dean of the medicine college at Ain Shams University in Egypt and professor in skin diseases speaking to the local daily, said that the new medicament will bring back the skin to its original vitality within a short period of administration of the new medicine.

Participating at the symposium of skin diseases recently held at Kuwait University Medicine College, Fatah said that the treatment of leprosy has gained importance as one to two per cent of the world population are undergoing treatment of the disease.

He added that 65 per cent of leprosy patients who underwent treatment using the new medicament have achieved substantial relief without any side effects.

The medicament has also proved a success with chronic leprosy cases and has been available in Cairo since four months Fatah said.

A full report on the medicine was introduced during the International Medical Conference held in Berlin, in May, 1986. The medicine was further approved during a conference held in Amman in February of this year.

Fatah praised the efforts of the Islamic Medicine Centre which played a significant role in the prevention and eradication of this disease.

The seminar also called for the formation of a higher committee empowered with authority to address this menace. This committee should also be provided with a special budget, officials said.

Contre

Drug traffickers are striving to make Kuwait an international centre for the distribution of drugs, an official of the anti-drugs department speaking at the seminar said.

AUSTRIAN AIRLINES to USA and Japan

IN 1989 Austrian Airlines has introduced the long-haul version of the new Airbus A310-324 into its fleet. This aircraft of the latest Airbus generation has 172 seats in three classes. With a range of 9,000 km it enables Austrian Airlines to start scheduled services to New York and Tokyo.

Passengers will have the choice of three classes. In First Class there are twelve "Sleeperettes" with adjustable head and foot rests. With over 1.5 m between seats, passengers on overnight flights will be able to turn their seats into recliners for a good night's rest. The generously proportioned Business Class has 37 comfortable seats with foot rests and a seat pitch of 91 cm. Here business travellers will find the fine service they naturally expect. With a seat pitch of 84 cm in the 123-seat

Economy Class, passengers will enjoy a comfortable flight.

Nine flight attendants will serve meals consisting of several courses in all classes. On long-haul flights there will be a choice of menu in First and Business Class. The current trend towards a lighter cuisine and health-conscious eating will naturally be borne in mind in selecting our menus. On flights to Tokyo Japanese flight attendants will be available for First Class passengers.

From Kuwait Austrian Airlines offers daylight flights on Tuesday and Thursday to Vienna, with immediate connection to most major cities in Europe.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bahrain Stock Exchange opens

BAHRAIN'S stock exchange, which officially opened last week, will play a key role in providing security to prospective investors and trade in general in the island according to its top official.

Dr Fawzi Behzad, advisor to the Bahrain Stock Exchange, spoke about the role and objectives of this vital entity in developing and promoting commercial activities in the country in an exclusive interview with the Arab Times.

Bahrain's long-awaited stock exchange was officially inaugurated on April 1. The idea to open a stock exchange in the country in an organised form to provide comprehensive services to the business community was initiated few years back. Prior to this, for a number of years stock exchange activities were conducted unofficially by brokers and dealers in "over the counter system" according to Dr Behzad.

"For a long time there has been a growing need to organise the security sector. One way to do this is to launch a stock exchange to provide facilities to traders," said Dr Behzad.

Bahrain's Stock Exchange, which is second in the Gulf after Kuwait's will start operations next week on a trial basis followed by full scale activities by the middle of next month, according to its advisor.

Public

Dr Behzad sold the new exchange will function on a manual system, whereby a board will be used for all transactions. He added that the internal system will be fully computerised. All the required equipment will be installed shortly.

The official stated that the stock exchange will be open to all public companies in the island to buy and sell shares in the country. He said companies from the GCC countries will, under the 1986 amendment in company law in Bahrain, be allowed to buy shares in all economic sectors in the island.

Commenting on the government's recent announcement on

Afghan missile hits Pakistan

Islamabad warns of serious consequences

ISLAMABAD, April 9, (Agencies): Pakistan warned yesterday that Afghanistan's communist government faces "serious consequences" after a Soviet-made SS-1 "Scud B" missile landed inside Pakistani territory.

But an Afghan government spokesman said the missile hit Pakistani territory by mistake after it overshot a Muslim rebel target near the city of Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan.

The missile, with a range of 100-175 miles (160-280 kilometres), hit about 500 yards (metres), inside Pakistan's border shortly after mid-

night on Friday (1900 GMT Saturday). It wrecked a government post office in the Pakistani border village of Torkham but injured no one, government officials said.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry issued a statement yesterday calling the missile attack a "brazen act of provocation by the Kabul regime ... clearly designed to internationalise the situation in Afghanistan in order to save itself from the wrath of its own people."

Across the border in Afghanistan, Muslim guerrillas supported by Pakistan have been fighting for 10 years to topple Kabul's communist government.

Pakistan's statement claimed the missile was deliberately launched as part of a ploy to persuade the UN Security Council to debate how to halt the Afghan civil war.

In Moscow, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze told a special envoy of Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto yesterday that Moscow was concerned about Pakistani "aggression" against Afghanistan.

At a meeting with envoy Yahya Bakhtiar, Shevardnadze said relations between Moscow and Islamabad could be better if Pakistan would renounce interference in Afghan affairs, the Soviet news agency Tass said.

Shevardnadze said that Pakistan's aggressive actions against Afghanistan are evoking the serious concern of the Soviet Union," Tass reported.

It did not say who had initiated the meeting, during which Bakhtiar conveyed a message from Benazir to Soviet Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov.

Shevardnadze repeated Kremlin charges that Pakistan was violating its commitments under the April 1988 Geneva accords on the Soviet troop pullout from Afghanistan, Tass said.

In Kabul yesterday, Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Nabi Amanz acknowledged that one of its Scud missiles, fired on Friday at rebel positions around Jalalabad, landed inside Pakistan near Torkham.

"It was an accident," he said. "We know this much: it destroyed several Pakistani pickets (posts) and caused casualties."

Pakistani authorities said, however, no one was injured.

In seeking a Security Council debate, the regime has resorted to its standard litany of baseless and irrelevant allegations against Pakistan in an attempt to portray the situation inside Afghanistan as a bilateral problem with Pakistan that would threaten international peace," the statement said.

Afghanistan's official radio has repeatedly accused Pakistan of sending military personnel into Afghanistan to direct Muslim rebel attacks against government troops. Pakistan denies any direct involvement in the civil war, though it has helped armed the rebels and provides them sanctuary.

In yesterday's statement, Pakistan vowed to "take all the necessary measures to defend itself, and the lives and property of its citizens against such attacks."

The Afghan charge d'affaires was summoned to the Pakistani Foreign Office and warned that "the responsibility for serious consequences that arise from such an attack rests entirely on the Kabul government."

The missile was believed to have been launched from the Afghan capital, about 120 miles (192 kilometres) west of the Pakistan border.

Moscow gave Scud missiles to its Afghan allies last November despite protests from Pakistan.

Under a UN-brokered accord, the Soviet Union removed the last of its soldiers from Afghanistan on Feb 15, but has continued arming the Afghan government forces.

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Khomeini said in his letter to Rahmani: "Try to send supplies as needed, depleted (stored) supplies within six months, and end the work," the radio reported.

The revolutionary patriarch appeared to be referring to the supplies that the Iranian government solicited from private citizens to help the war effort.

Hikmatyar in Bangladesh talks



Afghan rebel leader Gulbuddin Hikmatyar speaks to newsmen shortly after he arrived in Bangladesh on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Death sentence is irrevocable

Khamenei meets envoys

NICOSIA, April 9, (Agencies): Iranian President Ali Khamenei has told Iranian ambassadors to the European-Economic Community nations that a death sentence against British novelist Salman Rushdie will be carried out, state-run Teheran Radio reported.

The broadcast, quoted him as saying that Ayatollah Khomeini's "Fatwa" (religious decree) against the apostate writer ... is a decree based on sharia (Islamic law), and is irrevocable.

"Without any equivocation he (Rushdie) is sentenced to death. Because he has insulted the beliefs of more than one billion Muslims world-wide," Khamenei said.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, also monitored in Nicosia, quoted Khamenei as telling the envoys that the decree "revived Islam's splendour and the depth of Islamic belief."

The agency, which had reported that Khamenei was speaking to ambassadors from the EEC member-nations, later clarified that he had addressed Iranian diplomats.

Khomeini ordered on Feb 14 that Rushdie be sought out and killed for defaming Islam in his novel The Satanic Verses.

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protection.

Fourteen Western nations including Britain and its 11 partners in the trade bloc recalled their ambassadors from Tehran to protest the decree.

Iran called back its envoys from community countries in retaliation and severed ties with Britain on March 6, accusing Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of conspiring against Islam.

The European Economic Community nations agreed March 22 that each country would decide of its own accord on returning their envoy to Tehran.

Britain, however, said it would not restore relations with Iran until Khomeini revokes the death sentence against Rushdie.

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Another assault on Jalalabad immediately

DHAKA, Bangladesh, April 9, (AP): Afghan rebel leader Gulbuddin Hikmatyar said yesterday that a second guerrilla offensive would soon be launched on the city of Jalalabad in eastern Afghanistan.

Muslim guerrillas, fighting for 10 years to topple the communist government in Afghanistan, have been battling since early March for control of Jalalabad.

"We are going to take the city within weeks," Hikmatyar predicted at a news conference in Dhaka. "In fact, our second operation to capture the city will start soon, maybe today."

"Inshallah (God willing), we will move our government to Afghanistan within the month of Ramadan," he said.

The Afghan rebels launched a major offensive against Jalalabad, 125 kilometres (75 miles) east of Kabul, on March 6, but have failed to capture it. The city is only 75 kilometres (40 miles) from the Pakistani border.

Hikmatyar has been named the foreign minister of an interim government elected by the rebels in February.

He arrived in Bangladesh earlier yesterday to muster support for the rebels' provisional government.

Bangladeshi Foreign Ministry officials refused to comment on whether the country will grant recognition to the rebel government but said Hikmatyar is scheduled to meet with Foreign Minister Anisur Islam today.

The provisional government so far has been recognized by Saudi Arabia, Sudan and Bahrain.

All three are Muslim nations and Saudi Arabia has been a major backer of the Afghan rebels along with the United States, Pakistan and China.

At least 90 per cent of Bangladesh's 110 million people are Muslims, and Islam is the state religion.

But Dhaka continues to maintain diplomatic relations with Afghan President Najibullah's government, though it has reduced the level of diplomatic representation in its Kabul mission from a chargé d'affaires.

Hikmatyar's visit was the first by an Afghan rebel leader to Bangladesh.

Built by pharaohs

Ancient city unearthed

CAIRO, April 9, (UPI): Archaeologists digging in the Sinai peninsula have unearthed an ancient fortified city built by the Pharaohs as early as the 16th century B.C., the newspaper Al Ahram reported today.

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Libya receives Soviet supersonic bombers

ROME, April 9, (AP): The official Libyan news agency admitted yesterday that the country had received supersonic bombers from the Soviet Union, a sale that has prompted concern in Washington and other countries.

However, the agency criticized statements that had been made about the sale, saying they had come "within the context of the campaign of distortion and lies aimed at defaming Jamahiriya (Libya) and the Arab nation on the Soviet Union's supply of Sukhoi aircraft to great Jamahiriya."

Planes capable of bombing targets in Israel and Europe. Soviet spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov said on Thursday that Moscow had sold Libya six bombers but with a shorter range.

JANA, in a dispatch monitored in Rome, said the Libyan foreign minister and Soviet Foreign Minister met on Saturday and discussed several issues including "the campaign being conducted by colonial circles hostile to great Jamahiriya (Libya) and the Arab nation on the Soviet Union's supply of Sukhoi aircraft to great Jamahiriya."



A Pakistani tribesman walks past the rubble of a border post office destroyed by an Afghan Scud missile. (Reuter wirephoto)

Egypt detains 37

Extremists clash with police

CAIRO, April 9, (UPI): Egyptian police arrested at least 37 members of the outlawed Jihad organisation after bloody clashes between some 400 of the extremists and security forces following Ramadan prayers at a mosque, the state-controlled newspaper Al Akhbar reported today.

Police used tear gas to disperse nearly 400 members of the underground organisation of El Faiyum's martyrs mosque on the first day of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, during which devout Muslims fast from sunrise to sunset, Al Akhbar reported in early today's editions.

Security forces said they were searching for 19 more of the extremists involved in the violence in the town of El Faiyum, about 75 miles (120 km) south of Cairo, Al Akhbar reported.

The radicals of Jihad, led by Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, a blind preacher and spiritual leader of the Jihad organisation. Abdel Rahman, described as the spiritual leader of most of the country's extremist Islamic groups, was among the 37 arrested, Al Akhbar said.

In Friday's violence, the extremists, chanting anti-government and Islamic slogans, hurled stones and fired shots at security forces trying to disperse them at the mosque.

El Faiyum township's security chief, Col. Mohamed Seif Al Islam, was shot in the leg and admitted to a hospital along with a number of security troops, Al Akhbar said.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

HUMAN history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe — H.G. Wells, English writer-historian (1966-1946).

OPINION

Lebanon first

TILL now, the last areas of tension in the world are Lebanon and the occupied Palestine.

As the Palestine problem is more complicated than the Lebanese crisis, it is easier to address and solve the Lebanese crisis first.

Lebanon is a hot spot in the world after other centres of tensions have been solved. The best likely solution in the present circumstances is for the Lebanese crisis to intensify more and more with the hope of obtaining a positive and good solution.

It is a grave mistake to play down the Lebanese revolution which has come about through the desperation of its people. Those who face the Lebanese people will have to pay a very costly price. This is indeed so, because present conditions are unlike the past and cannot be based on past calculations and circumstances.

This time around, the Lebanese people are true in facing the consequences in their efforts to restore their independence. The so-called constitutional reforms which are repeatedly used by many quarters as pretexts for other goals, concern the Lebanese people alone. They can fight each other without the need of foreign intervention.

The war in Lebanon has become an ideal place for stealing and cheating. It added huge fortunes to the war merchants and led to the untimely death of so many innocent people.

Lebanon has truly declared its revolution and all available signs indicate that it is the revolution of all the Lebanese people.

The question that should be answered is: Where is the war leading to? It is the intensification that precedes solutions.

Fifteen years of civil war is enough and the world should be ashamed of itself. This country has been maltreated in many ways. But, its people, if left alone, to decide their direction, can still apply the necessary constitutional remedy.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Ozal in trouble

Turkish poll forecast

By Hugh Pope

ANKARA, (Reuter): An early general election is looming in Turkey as the inevitable result of Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's shock local poll defeat on March 26, diplomats say.

Ozal has served warning, however, that he will not be rushed, raising the prospect of political tension amid growing labour unrest over high inflation and low wages.

In a spirited speech to parliament in a vote of confidence debate last week Ozal did not rule out early elections.

But pointing to his centre-right Motherland Party deputies, a large majority, he asked the opposition: "Can you force this large group to go to early elections just because you want to?"

Opposition parties insist that Ozal's Motherland cannot continue with two-thirds of the 450 parliamentary seats after winning only 22 per cent of the vote and finishing third in nation-wide voting for local officials.

"If Ozal drags his feet, then we are going to have lots of trouble," conservative True Path Party (DYP) leader Suleyman Demirel told foreign reporters, hinting that a weakened government would not be able to control far-left extremists.

But diplomats saw surprise demonstrations, bombs aimed at big companies and a continued Kurdish insurgency in the southeast as still far short of the urban violence seen in the coalition-plagued 1970s when up to 25 people were killed a day.

And while the economy is depressed, there is no firm sign that Turkey's economic miracle of the 1980s will collapse.

"There will definitely be early elections, the only question is when," said Oktay Eksi, chief columnist of the mass-circulation Hurriyet newspaper.

Elections could be held in September or at the same time as November's vote for a new president, diplomats believe, but constitutionally Ozal has a five-year mandate dating from the 1987 election.

A factor helping Ozal is that none of his opponents stands close to majority support. Demirel's followers won 25 per cent of the local vote. The social democrat populist party lead by Erdal Inonu topped the poll with 28 per cent.

Over 60 per cent of votes remained on the right of the political spectrum, as usual in Turkey, and some Western diplomats predict that Ozal and Demirel would be forced to go into coalition after an election.

But the two men are currently bitter opponents and Demirel, a former prime minister, has so far ruled out any talk of co-operation with his one-time protege.

The local poll indicated widespread desire among Turkish voters for a change from Ozal, but an opinion survey in Nokta magazine found no common view of how it should be done.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1552 — France's King Henry II captures Metz and aligns with German Protestants.
- 1694 — Savoy's Duke Victor Amadeus begins siege of Casala in Italy.
- 1741 — Prussia's Frederick II defeats Austrian forces at Mollwitz and conquers Silesia.
- 1832 — French law excludes families of Charles X and Napoleon from France; Turkey declares war on Mohammed Ali, Khedive of Egypt.
- 1854 — Archduke Maximilian of Austria accepts title Emperor of Mexico.
- 1898 — France obtains concession in China.
- 1932 — Paul von Hindenburg is re-elected German President over Adolf Hitler.
- 1945 — US troops liberate Nazi concentration camp at Buchenwald, Germany.
- 1952 — Soviet Union proposes all-German elections be held under a four-power commission instead of under United Nations supervision and rejects West's views on Germany's frontiers.
- 1961 — Adolf Eichmann, former Nazi, is put on trial as war criminal in an Israeli court in occupied Jerusalem.
- 1963 — US atomic submarine Thresher fails to surface after a deep dive in the northern Atlantic with the loss of 129 lives — the worst submarine disaster in US history.
- 1972 — United States and Soviet Union sign treaty banning biological warfare.
- 1976 — Israel goes ahead with elections in occupied West Bank of Jordan despite rioting.
- 1986 — United States conducts nuclear test in Nevada desert despite growing protests among peace groups and strong Soviet campaign for nuclear test ban.
- 1987 — 151-nation International Monetary Fund wraps up spring meeting without producing any new initiatives.
- 1988 — Religious leaders and politicians from every continent gather in Oxford, England, to discuss how to make the world a better place in which to live.

Gorbachev's nuclear promise: US sceptical

By Charles Aldinger

WASHINGTON, (Reuter): The Soviet promise to halt production of enriched uranium for nuclear weapons this year will not make a dent in Moscow's vast strategic arms stockpile, US defence analysts say.

The private experts welcomed Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's announcement in London last week as a positive step, but said the superpowers had enough uranium and plutonium on hand to preserve their supply of over 20,000 weapons each for decades.

"The material just doesn't die," said former US Navy Undersecretary James Woolsey. "This certainly does not mean on the face of it that they're going to scrap nuclear weapons."

The United States halted enriched uranium production in 1964 although it until recently has continued to make potent weapons-grade plutonium as does the Soviet Union.

US production of plutonium and tritium, substance used to enhance the power of nuclear explosions, has been halted in the past year as Washington decides how to modernise a complex of 17 ageing, often-dangerous

plants and laboratories.

Analysts said it was not clear how Gorbachev's announcement that the Soviet Union will close a weapons reactor this year and another in 1990 would affect Soviet plutonium production.

But the US State Department quickly dismissed the offer.

"The measures will leave the Soviet Union with substantial production capabilities for nuclear materials," department spokesman Richard Boucher told a news briefing.

"We believe they had at least a dozen nuclear weapons plants in the early 1980s, but we're not sure what they did after the Chernobyl disaster," said scientist David Albright, a spokesman for the private Federation of American Scientists.

"The important thing here is not what this announcement will do to Soviet stockpiles," said Albright. "It's the fact that future nuclear reduction treaties will mean a lot more if plants which produce replacement weapons are gone."

"We certainly welcome this. We have been urging the Soviets to take this step," added

Tom Cochran of the Washington-based Natural Resources Defence Council.

"But it's difficult to put it into perspective. One problem is that there is so much more secrecy in their programme than ours it is difficult to analyse this unless you have access to intelligence."

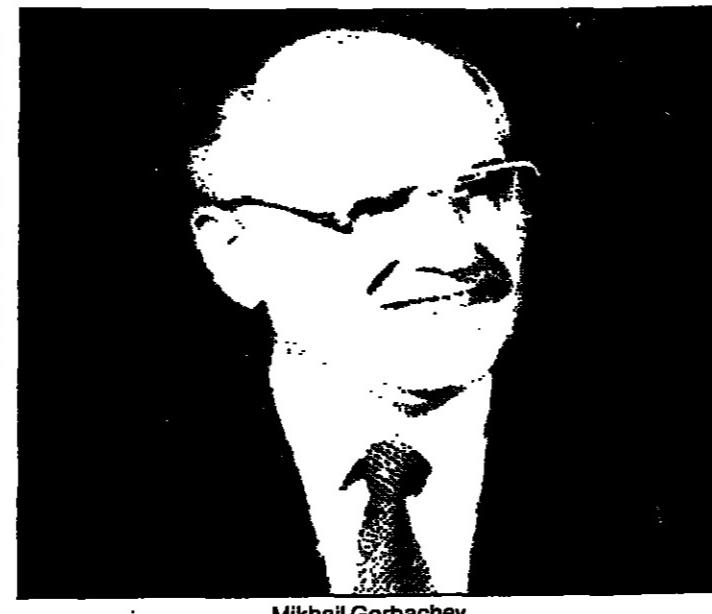
James Blackwell, a senior fellow at the private Centre for Strategic and International Studies, said the Soviet Union is believed to be having major safety problems in its nuclear programme just as the United States.

Blackwell and one Pentagon official, who asked not to be identified, noted that both superpowers are now cannibalising explosive material from hundreds of weapons being destroyed under the Intermediate-range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty.

"Look at it this way," said the defence official. "This is a way for the Soviets to pause in their programme, to bring pressure on us not to modernise Lance (short-range) nuclear missiles in NATO and to save money."

"They can always re-open those reactors," he said.

But Gorbachev said that once shut down, the reactors would not be replaced.



Armed to the teeth in Central America

Superpower words fail to match deeds

By Bernd Debusmann

MEXICO CITY, (Reuter): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's call for an end to the arms race in Central America has highlighted a vast gulf between superpower words and deeds in an area armed to the teeth.

Moscow and Washington have pumped weapons worth billions of dollars to their respective clients in Central America, giving it one of the world's highest rates of military growth over the past decade.

Military supplies from bullets to bombers and tanks have continued despite earnest public declarations from both superpowers that there can be no peace as long as militarisation of the region continues.

Gorbachev made the latest superpower call for an end to arms deliveries during his visit to Cuba recently. "There is at the present time a real possibility to ensure peace and security in the region," he said in Havana.

"A major condition for this would be a halt to military supplies from wherever they come."

Similar statements in the past have not been matched by Soviet supplies to Nicaragua, whose armed forces have increased more than tenfold in the past decade to become the biggest in Central America.

In turn, the US government has shown no inclination to translate into deeds periodic calls for a halt to weapons supplies. Congress has cut military supplies to right-wing insurgents in Nicaragua but US client governments in El Salvador and Honduras continue to receive large amounts of weapons.

"It has been the same story year after year," said a Latin American diplomat. "The Americans say they will stop once the Soviets stop. The Soviets say they will stop once the Americans stop. It is always 'you first' and no one is making the first move."

In January the United States completed delivery of a squadron of F-5 fighter jets to Honduras, at \$72 million the biggest single military deal in

Central America for years.

The fighters, the most advanced aircraft in the Central American arsenal, were shipped three months ahead of schedule and ensured Honduran air superiority over Nicaragua.

Western diplomats said the early deliveries of the F-5s was meant as a signal from President Bush that he was as committed to backing Honduras, Washington's closest ally in Central America, as was President Reagan.

The superpowers' apparent hypocrisy underscores the fact that Central America has yet to benefit from the improved climate in US-Soviet relations which has led to disarmament moves elsewhere.

In Europe, Moscow took the first step by announcing a reduction in conventional ground forces and short-range missiles. But in Central America, neither of the two big powers have budged from their original rationales for arming their clients to the hilt.

Soon after the revolutionaries of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN) in Nicaragua toppled dictator Anastasio Somoza in 1979, Washington accused the Sandinistas — in complicity with Cuba — of running arms to left-wing rebels fighting the US-backed government in El Salvador.

In response, the US helped raise an army of right-wing insurgents, known as Contras, who began fighting the Sandinistas from bases in Honduras. Both the Salvadorean and Honduran military establishments flourished with large injections of US aid.

The Soviet Union in turn armed the Sandinistas on the premise that they had to be strong enough to withstand military pressure from the Contras and the Hondurans.

Western military experts say they do not expect sizeable cuts in military aid from either superpower though the staggering growth rates of the past are unlikely to be repeated.



Cuban leader greets Gorbachev in Cuba during the Soviet leader's recent visit.

Filipino communists seek foreign ties

Attempt to regain momentum

By Clayton Jones

MANILA: The outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), seeking to shed its Maoist image and gain international stature, has been stymied in its drive for close ties with the Soviet Union and its allies, as well as with Third World guerrilla groups and Western communist parties.

The chief cause of the CPP's frustration is that many communist parties around the world have longstanding ties with an older, smaller group, the Partido Komunista Pilipinas (PKP), which ended underground activities in 1974 to become legalised.

The CPP and PKP are now locked in a diplomatic battle, vying for the attention of communist parties and leftist groups. By chipping away at the PKP's overseas ties, the CPP hopes it can win badly needed international support to revive its prospects for victory, according to CPP documents, Philippine intelligence officials, and a party source.

The CPP's rapid growth in the early 1980s has been virtually halted by the coming to power of popular president, Corazon Aquino, and by the party's mistakes and internal squabbles. Its international thrust is an attempt to regain momentum.

"Maybe, just maybe, if the going gets rough here, the party can use its international contacts to put restrictions on the government," a ranking Filipino intelligence official says.

The CPP has roughly 35,000 party members and, by its own count, about 8,000 high-power rifles for its military wing.

With both China and the Soviet Union modifying their ideological approaches as well as relations with each other, the CPP is faced with an unfavourable international political climate. The two "continue to exercise restraint or caution in providing support to most national liberation movements engaged in armed struggle," a CPP document states.

Contact

In late 1987, the CPP made official contact with many communist parties in Soviet-bloc nations. While most did not respond or responded negatively, parties in Hungary, East Germany, and Yugoslavia gave lukewarm responses allowing possible low-level contacts. In December of that year, the CPP attended the Congress of the Communist Party of France in Paris.

The CPP hopes to place someone permanently in East Europe but, to its disappointment, Eastern Europe is only "ready to help the open legal movement," party documents say. North Korea's party is the only one "actively supporting" the CPP.

In 1988, the CPP's overseas moves caused the PKP to send letters to those parties and groups with which it had ties, asking them to monitor CPP attempts for recognition, PKP Politburo member Merlin Magallana says.

To block CPP advances, the PKP letter pointed out tactical and ideological differences between the two parties. This could be effective, since most Soviet-oriented and Western communist parties have a historic antipathy to Maoist parties.

The PKP was formed as a pro-Soviet party in 1930. Its ruling Politburo was captured in 1953, and most of the leaders given long jail

sentences. The Sino-Soviet split in the 1960s helped compel a PKP member, Jose Sison, to found the CPP in 1968 along Maoist lines. Rather than follow the PKP's Soviet-style of revolution in urban areas, the CPP has pursued a strategy in rural areas.

A year ago, the CPP decided to drop its policy of assailing the PKP, which has only several thousand followers, the intelligence official says. The move could be an attempt to neutralise the PKP or to form a "united front" on certain issues, such as opposing US bases in the Philippines.

In late 1988, the CPP upgraded its international department and made a decision to emphasise political work over armed struggle, according to Western diplomats.

The CPP has closely studied the 1979 Nicaraguan revolution and the ongoing insurgency in El Salvador. But many leaders in its ranks are still Maoist, and remained unconvinced that a Soviet-style urban revolution will work in the Philippines.

The CPP hopes to obtain the same kind of recognition the African National Congress and the Palestine Liberation Organisation have, perhaps gaining observer status in international bodies. It has expressed support for "progressive forces" in Central America, and has signed an accord with the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front of El Salvador to oppose US "aggression."

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China, which has also dropped its Maoist ideology, "has no definite position" on the CPP, party documents say. For the 70th anniversary of the Russian Revolution in 1987, the CPP organ Ang Bayan carried a celebratory article. The PKP represented a retrospective to the Moscow event.

Since 1986, Moscow has tried to improve its relations in Asia, with the Philippines a high priority. "We're confused on what the Soviet policy is toward the CPP," says the intelligence official. "With the changes in Moscow, we're thinking the Soviets may want to gain influence over the Philippines without a Communist Party in power here."

The Christian Science Monitor.



Filipino leftists demonstrate against the presence of US bases in the country.

Namibia in crisis

Loophole in peace package

By Andrew Steele

WINDHOEK, (Reuter): Namibia has been plunged from the euphoria of imminent independence into the bloodiest chapter of its struggle against South African rule by a loophole in the agreements that made peace seem possible.

The 15 documents making up the UN-sponsored peace package stipulate that South West Africa People's

BUSINESS & FINANCE

IMF talks satisfactory, says Al Rifai

AMMAN, April 9, (Reuters): Jordan's Prime Minister has described IMF debt rescheduling talks as normal and satisfactory, newspapers reported today.

They said Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifai told the council of ministers yesterday that talks with the International Monetary Fund were continuing in a "very normal and satisfactory manner."

Scandal widens

Takeshita vows to remain in office

TOKYO, April 9, (UPI): Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita vowed today to remain in office and to defy mounting calls for his resignation in the wake of a widening bribery scandal.

Takeshita said he would fight to remain in power as two major newspapers reported that the prime minister will publicly disclose more than 750,000 in donations and stock profits he received from the giant firm at the centre of the scandal.

"I am endowed with power to dissolve parliament and my cabinet, but I have no intention of taking such steps at present," Takeshita said at a news conference in the southern Japanese city of Oita. "I will stake my career on political reforms to regain public confidence in politics."

Takeshita said he would provide details of his dealings with the scandal-ridden Recruit Co. in the diet or parliament "as soon as possible."

Asahi Shimbun and Sankei Shimbun, two nationally circulated newspapers, quoted aides to Takeshita as saying the prime minister will reveal the list of donations to him by Recruit Co. in the diet, Japan's parliament, as early as Monday.

There was no immediate comment on the published reports by Takeshita, who has come under mounting pressure to resign because of the scandal and whose standing in opinion polls has plummeted in its wake.

Donations

The aides said Takeshita received donations or made stock profits exceeding \$750,000 from the scandal-ridden company between 1985 and 1987, the newspaper reported.

Recruit, a huge job-placement and publishing firm, is suspected of buying political favours with gifts of cash and stock.

The company is also alleged to have sold pre-listed shares of stock at bargain prices to politicians and business leaders in late 1986, enabling the buyers to reap huge profits when the shares subsequently went public.

Takeshita admitted in the diet on Friday that recruit bought \$225,000 in tickets to a 1987 fund-raiser in his campaign to claim the government's top executive post, and Tokyo newspapers on Saturday quoted aides as saying the firm also purchased \$150,000 in tickets for a second campaign party.

The two newspapers today quoted aides to Takeshita as saying that he received \$188,000 in donations from Recruit in 1986.

Takeshita has already admitted that he made \$195,000 by buying pre-listed Recruit shares in the names of his private secretaries and later selling them at a profit. Other leaders of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party have made similar admissions.

Even some members of the ruling party have suggested that Takeshita should resign.

KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, April 9, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were steady in a quiet market today despite an announcement by the Central Bank it would issue 100 million dinars (\$345 million) in new 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers reported a few deals in the short dates at levels virtually unchanged from Saturday. Overnight was quoted at eight seven per cent, tomorrow next at nine eight and spot-next at 9-1/4, 8-1/4, while one week traded at nine.

The new treasury bill issue, to be made on Wednesday, represents new government borrowing since no previous issue matures on the same day.

In the fixed periods, one month to one year maturities were unchanged at a uniform 9-3/4 per cent.

The Central Bank left its dinar to dollar exchange rate fixed from Saturday at 0.28989/99.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal

The two-week discussions were aimed at resolving Jordan's financial crisis exacerbated by a drop in Arab aid and lower remittances from Jordanians working abroad.

Debt

Jordan has to pay \$1.2 billion this year on its total foreign debt of about \$6 billion and is expect-

ted to seek an IMF standby credit and a rescheduling of its debt.

A Jordanian official expected the IMF review of Jordan's economy begun on March 28 to end this week.

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh and other officials have denied that the IMF talks dealt with government food subsidies

or the value of the dinar. These would be left unchanged, they said.

Views

The Central Bank has fixed the dinar at \$40 fils to the dollar since early February. Officials expect food subsidies to cost more than \$100 million this year.

A source familiar with the

Fund's views said earlier the IMF wanted Jordan to set a timetable for balancing its budget over the next five years.

Budget and balance of payments deficits have been covered in the past mainly by Arab aid, domestic and foreign borrowing and money sent home by Jordanians working outside the country.

Move will help bring down soaring deficit

US lauds global trade accords

WASHINGTON, April 9, (Agencies): President Bush's senior trade negotiator hailed a package of global trade agreements reached in Geneva yesterday, saying it would eventually help bring down the soaring US trade deficit.

"I think it will help our balance of trade," US Trade Representative Carla Hills said.

Hills spoke to reporters after negotiations from about 100 countries meeting under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) in Geneva removed obstacles that had blocked world trade talks for over three months.

The successful completion of the week-long talks cleared the way for a new phase of tough bargaining in 15 areas, including cutting subsidies to farmers and protecting trade in intellectual property rights, such as patents and copyrights, and services.

Talks

Hills said the Geneva session would serve as a springboard for the remaining two years of the Uruguay round of free trade talks, launched in 1986 to remove obstacles to trade in areas including agriculture, textiles, banking and telecommunications.

Hills said she had been in touch with the White House, which she called "very pleased and very grateful."

The trade talks, Hills predicted, will open up new export opportunities for US businesses and help trim the trade deficit, which amounted to \$137 billion last year.

"What liberalising and expanding trade does... is to assure that the correction that we all so earnestly seek takes place in the context of export expansion rather than import contraction," she said, referring to the US trade

Legras said such demands were "unrealistic but although the EEC successfully blocked any mention of 'elimination' it was not claiming victory because the real winner was 'realism and the multilateral trading system.' American farmers and their powerful congressional lobby made it clear that they would resist any freeze and then reduction of price supports and the Bush administration faced problems in the Congress over new farm legislation.

It was also agreed to seek to bring protection of patents and other intellectual property into the framework of GATT rules allowing members to retaliate if their interests are threatened by unfair practices by others.

Third World producers of textiles and clothing, meanwhile, were unable to get industrial nations and the EEC especially to agree to an immediate freeze in their restrictions on imports of cheaper foreign goods.

These restrictions are permitted under the multifibre arrangement (MFA), a special agreement outside the GATT framework.

The developing countries all the same obtained a pledge that negotiations will begin right away on modalities for bringing trade in textiles and clothing under GATT rules by the end of the Uruguay round.

"Such modalities... should inter alia cover the phasing out of restrictions under the multifibre arrangement and other restrictions not consistent with GATT rules and disciplines," the interim accord stated. Otherwise, GATT contracting members — the official term for members — agreed to seek to reduce permissible protectionism to a minimum.

The European Economic Community flatly rejected any such interpretation, however, and negotiator Guy Legras told reporters that any idea of complete subsidy abolition had been discarded "once and for all."

On agriculture, it was agreed to freeze all existing protectionist measures such as export subsidies and price supports and then seek their "substantial and progressive reduction."

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Asked whether the Soviet Union will guarantee the foreign investors remittance of any profits from joint ventures in hard currency, Lazarev was adamant that Moscow will be flexible on the issue. "I have yet to hear of a company which did business in the USSR and did not make a profit," he said.

The Soviet Council of Ministers has already approved a set of regulations governing joint venture deals and these are now being studied by Kuwaitis.

A Soviet team from the ministries of finance and foreign affairs as well as banking experts are due in Kuwait shortly for preliminary talks before the first meeting of the joint economic commission in late May.

The commission will discuss co-operation in oil, construction projects in third countries, banking and the medical field and will propose a framework for joint

ventures yet to be negotiated.

In addition to interest in joint ventures, a number of Kuwaiti companies are negotiating import/export deals with organisations in the Soviet republics of Moldavia, Lithuania, Estonia, Armenia and Bellorusia.

If these materialise, they will help the Soviets achieve the target of doubling their trade volume with Kuwait within two or three years.

Lazarev said he expected this year a trade turnover worth \$30 to 35 million, a negligible amount considering the potential, he added.

He said Moscow is keen to step up its trade with Kuwait not only for financial gain but also to test its competitive edge on an open market.

He said there is wide scope for an increase of imports of Soviet steel, timber and profiled pipes.

He also acknowledged that the Soviets have an eye on new projects in Kuwait such as Sutiba town and the Iraq/Kuwait water pipeline.

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UK tries to boost interest rates

KD money market firm

Kuwaiti dinar

BASED on last week opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was firmer against the S ending the week at 289.57 fils compared with its week before last closing of 290.42 fils.

The KD was easier against the pound sterling, ending the week at 492.99 fils compared with its week before last closing of 491.25 fils.

The KD was easier against the DM ending the week at 154.89 fils compared with its week before last closing of 153.96 fils.

The KD was also firmer against the SFR ending the week at 176.46 fils compared with its week before last closing of 176.58 fils, according to the Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was firmer against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 528.41 fils compared with its week before last closing of 537.78 fils. The KD was firmer against most other GCC currencies.

The KD money market was relatively firm over the week with 1-month and 3-months interbank rates trading relatively firmer compared to longer dates. This was mainly attributed to drain of liquidity.

One-month interbank rates traded over the week between 9.37 per cent and 9.75 per cent range compared with 8.3/4-9.3/4 per cent range the week before last.

While rates for longer periods traded within a relatively narrow range of 9.50 per cent-9.75 per cent and 9.56 per cent for 3 and 6 months respectively.

Total bids for the new T-Bills issue No. (46) amounted to KD 202million, with an average yield of 7.874 and average accepted price of 98.37.

World stock markets

Wall Street stock prices moved higher last week underpinned by speculation in takeover stocks and demand on technology stocks which helped lift the market.

The market was also helped by the March jobs data which showed the economy was slowing, but perhaps not enough to alleviate fears of inflation and tighten monetary policy.

Non-farm jobs rose 180,000 in March, after rising 280,000 in February, while unemployment fell to 5.0 per cent in March from 5.1 per cent in February.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average opened and closed the week at the same level of 2305, recording a gain of 12 points over the previous week's closing of 2293.

Strikers protests continue in Ulsan

SEOUL, South Korea, April 9, (AP): Scattered demonstrations were staged yesterday in the southern city of Ulsan to protest a police assault that ended a prolonged strike at South Korea's largest shipyard, reports said.

Police arrested 61 workers and student radicals who took part in yesterday's protests, but released most of them after questioning, the reports said.

The South Korean news agency Yonhap said three or four groups of 100 to 400 workers, hurling rocks and firebombs, briefly fought police near the shipyard, but the clashes were smaller than past protests.

Violent street demonstrations broke out after police raided the shipyard on March 30, arresting about 700 workers and ending a 109-day strike during which about 400 people had been injured since Dec 12.

On Friday, police fired tear-gas to disperse demonstrators and provided more protection for non-striking workers reporting to work. The protests dwindled further yesterday, reports said.

Hyundai Heavy Industries, the nation's largest shipyard, reported 71 per cent of its 195,000 employees had returned to work yesterday, two per

cent more than on Friday.

"The situation is still fluid, but the worst is definitely over," one Hyundai official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press by telephone.

Government officials said about 8,000 riot police deployed in the city increased street patrols and cordoned off all areas used by striking workers as rallying points yesterday, Yonhap said.

Riot police and citizens hosed down streets to clear tear-gas and a police helicopter scattered 30,000 leaflets appealing to striking workers to stop violence and co-operate in efforts to restore order.

In related violence, about 100 radical students in Kwangju, 190 kilometres (118 miles) from Ulsan, hurled firebombs at a makeshift wooden structure provided by a Hyundai subsidiary to promote the sale of new apartments.

The structure and two nearby houses were burned.

Hyundai's trouble began last December when militant workers broke way from a company-sanctioned labour union to form a separate union, demanding higher pay and better working conditions.

First time in Kuwait

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Hersant acquires interest in Grupo 16

MADRID, Spain, April 9, (AP): French news media magnate Robert Hersant yesterday acquired a substantial share of the influential Grupo 16 Company, publisher of the third-largest national daily newspaper, Diario 16.

Jesús Santaela Lopez, an attorney for Hersant, confirmed in a telephone interview with the Associated Press that the French businessman's group had acquired 31.40 per cent of the shares of Impulsa, the Grupo 16 holding company.

He said several separate purchases of Impulsa shares yesterday had satisfied Hersant's objective of gaining control of "significant, but minority stake of around 30 per cent of Grupo 16."

A statement issued on Saturday by Grupo 16, whose president Juan Tomas de Salas controls 55 per cent of Impulsa, accused the Hersant group of attempting a hostile assault on the company. The Spanish company also accused Hersant of capitalising on insider information

provided by Grupo 16 founders and executives unhappy with Salas.

The most important purchase on Saturday involved a bloc representing 12.17 per cent of the group's shares held by the widow and children of one of the founders, the attorney said.

Grupo 16 and its left-of-centre Diario 16 newspaper gained prominence and readership by defending freedom in the early days of the Spanish transition to democracy following the death in 1975 of Gen. Francisco Franco.

Circulation

Diario 16 has a daily circulation of just over 136,000, putting it third behind Spain's leading daily *El País* and the conservative ABC newspaper.

Santaela Lopez emphasised that the Hersant Group had no intention of bringing about any editorial change in the group's publications.

The Grupo 16 statement described the purchases as a "hostile operation" that

came after the Hersant-controlled conservative French daily newspaper *Le Figaro* offered to co-operate with Diario 16, which prides itself on aggressive, critical reporting.

Santaela Lopez said Hersant Group purchased 9.17 per cent of the Impulsa shares Friday from Grupo 16 vice-president Cesar Pontvianne.

He declined to disclose the cost of any of the purchases, but news reports indicated Hersant paid an estimated 5300 million pesetas (\$2.6 million) for Pontvianne's shares.

Anger

The attorney added that on Saturday the group purchased two other separate blocks of stock: 5.10 per cent of Impulsa shares held by Alfonso de Salas a brother of the Grupo 16 president and 4.96 per cent held by several other early investors.

Pontvianne and Alfonso de Salas formed part of a group of investors and executives who expressed anger and resigna-

tion last month when Juan Tomas de Salas' fired Diario 16 editor Pedro J. Ramirez.

Grupo 16's publications include one of Spain's three top newsmagazines, Cambio 16, a just-launched national business daily, La Economia 16, several regional newspapers and more than 10 other business, automotive and sports publications.

In France, Hersant also has interests in the daily *France-Soir* along with more than 20 other newspapers, 13 weeklies, seven monthly magazines, several dozen radio stations and a private television network.

The Grupo 16 statement accused the Hersant Group of buying the stock only to force the Spanish group to have to buy it back at a higher price.

Santaela Lopez denied the move was hostile, and said he was "surprised and perplexed" by the attitude of the Grupo 16 president since both groups have been involved for weeks in friendly discussions.

Population big obstacle to development, says Deng

BEIJING, April 9, (AP): China's senior leader Deng Xiaoping said yesterday the nation has not done well in controlling its population, creating a major obstacle to economic development.

Deng, 84, made the comments at the opening of a meeting with the visiting President of Togo, Gnassingbe Eyadema.

"We have too many people and we did not do a good job in controlling the rate of population increase," Deng said. "This is a big problem for us and a big obstacle to the development of China."

He said it appeared unlikely China could achieve its goal of limiting its population to 1.2 billion at the end of the century.

The world's most populous nation will next week mark the birth of its 1.1-billionth citizen. Population experts now predict there will be around 1.3 billion Chinese in the year 2000.

Policy

The Chinese government in 1980 adopted a policy of one child per family, and has tried to educate people on the need for family planning. However, the one-child policy, and advocacy of late marriages, have met widespread resistance in the countryside, where population growth has far exceeded targets.

Deng also said that although progress has been made in agriculture, "our grain is barely enough." China has had four consecutive disappointing grain harvests, partly because farmers prefer better-paying cash crops to grain bought by the state at lower fixed prices.

Getting farmers to grow more grain has become one of the top priorities of the government.

US policies criticised

It is time to blow the whistle, says Shultz

WASHINGTON, April 9, (KUNA): Former Secretary of State George Shultz emerged

from his seclusion at Stanford University to contend that the US and its allies "are going down the wrong road" by trying to manage the poorer countries' debt problems.

"It is time to blow the whistle, and so I am blowing it," he said in a speech at Stanford University where he is currently a faculty member. This was the first criticism of the new administration's policies voiced by Shultz.

He called for what he described as "a major rethinking" of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, which were established by the Bretton Woods conference in 1944.

Shultz, who was secretary of state for six years in the Reagan administration, is now a professor of international economics at the Stanford Business School in Palo Alto, California.

Shultz said high interest payments imposed the same constraints on economic growth that a maximum tax rate of 70 per cent in the US had imposed on the American economy before taxes were cut during the Reagan administration.

IMF directed debt-rescheduling plans "put such a high tax" on those countries involved that it discourages effort, Shultz said.

"If you believe in the market, you have to stand by the market, and lay it on the laps of the countries and the private banks," Shultz said.

After trade row with India

Nepal closes schools, rations fuel

KATHMANDU, April 9, (Reuters): Nepal has closed schools and rationed fuel after India virtually shut down trade with the landlocked Himalayan kingdom and triggered anti-government protests.

Both countries appear to have dug in their heels for a long fight over terms for renewing treaties governing trade between them and transit rights through India for Nepal's imports from third countries, diplomats and residents said.

Behind the row is Nepal's insistence on deciding its own foreign policy and India's alarm at a declining share of Nepalese imports.

Students seized on the dispute to protest at King Birendra's government. Last week, the government shut down the state university.

Several thousand students marched into the capital's main square dominated at one end by the royal palace. At least 26 people were hurt when police used tear-gas and riot sticks to break up the protest.

Some students chanted "the king is a crook, the king should leave the throne," opposition figures said.

The king is rarely criticised in public and is regarded as an incarnation of Vishnu in this mountainous kingdom where Hinduism is the state religion.

"It is significant that the demonstrators did not get support from the general public, and there was no sympathy protests in other parts of Nepal," one Western diplomat said.

"It built up and disappeared like a fog blown away by a morning wind," another diplomat said.

Authorities have banned further demonstrations and mass meetings in the capital and declared a two-week holiday for Kathmandu's primary and secondary schools.

The official daily, the *Rising Nepal*, said yesterday India had clamped a trade blockade on the border and no Indian goods had come into Nepal since March 19.

India says it is still supplying medicines and emergency goods through the two border crossings that remain open.

Nepal shares three borders with India and one with Tibet and China. New Delhi was viewed with alarm Nepal's warming ties with China.

India was particularly upset when Nepal bought anti-aircraft guns and Army trucks from China last June, diplomat said.

"Nepal says that India's trade dispute is a facade and that what they're really upset about is the China relationship," one Western diplomat said.

The incident showed how foreign policy issues are reflected in domestic policies, diplomats and Nepalis said.

Political parties have been banned for years but they still hold informal meetings. The Nepali Congress Party took its inspiration from the Indian Congress Party and is generally pro-India. A Marxist Party leans to Beijing.

KUWAIT

BANK SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	0.950	0.950	0.960	0.950	920000	36
-GULF BANK	0.588	0.380	0.390	0.380	2630000	89
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.275	0.265	0.290	0.275	4140000	130
-ANLI BANK	0.520	0.325	0.330	0.325	490000	20
-B.K.M.E	0.350	0.345	0.350	0.340	220000	13
-K.R.E.B.	0.350	0.350	0.355	0.350	80000	3
-BURGAN BANK	0.280	0.295	0.295	0.285	4930000	144
-K.F.HOUSE	0.460	0.465	0.470	0.460	1420000	49
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-KFT INV. CO.	0.140					
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-K.I.I.C.	0.078					
-COM.FACILITIES	0.000	0.435	0.440	0.435	40000	4
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-I.F.A.	0.048					
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-NATIONAL INV.	0.068	0.071	0.071	0.071	207995	2
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-KFT INSURANCE	0.610					
-GULF INSURANCE	0.360					
-AHILA INS. CO.	0.540					
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.340					
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-KFT R.EST. CO.	0.132					
-UNI R.EST. CO.	0.054					
-NAT R.EST. CO.	0.170	0.180	0.180	0.180	20000	1
-SALHIAH R.E.	0.080					
-KFT R.E.I. CON	0.000					
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-HAT IND. CO.	0.000					
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.300					
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.170					
-REF. IND. CO.	0.380					

KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE

COMPANIES LISTED ON THE PARALLEL MARKET

FINANCIAL SECTOR	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-GULF INT'L INS.	0.000					
-ARAB INT'L CO.	0.000					
-SHARJAH INS.	0.000					
-KWT UNION INS.	0.000					
-R.K.W.HITE CHNT	0.000					
-AJMAN CEMENT	0.000					
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
-B-FUJAIRAH CENT.	0.000					
-C-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010					
-D-GULF CEMENT	0.010					

KUWAIT

LIST OF THE PARALLEL MARKET

GENERAL TRADE	P. CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL
-GARAGE OWNERS OFF.	4.55	4.55			
-GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63			
-GENERAL INVEST.	1.35	1.27			
-GENERAL MINNING	2.20	2.10			
-GULF PHOSPHATE MINS	3.56	3.60			
-GULF PIPE MANUFCT	1.76	1.75			
-GULF POWER CO.	0.60	0.60			

Lord Mountbatten: a pathological liar

By Alan Hamilton

LORD Mountbatten, of Burma, the late uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh and a big influence on the adolescent Prince of Wales, was a crashing snob and pathological liar who covered up skeleton in his family cupboard to gain acceptance with the Royal Family, according to a biography to be published in May.

Genealogists, however, were disputing the assertions of Lord Lambton, the author and former Conservative defence minister who resigned over a sex scandal in the early 1970s.

Lord Lambton says in his forthcoming book that Mountbatten's grandfather, Prince Alexander of Hesse, was not only illegitimate, but he married a commoner who was already pregnant.

Lord Lambton, who had access to the royal archives at Windsor, says that Mountbatten was determined to insinuate himself into the Royal Family because of his own family's shabby treatment at the hands of European aristocracy and that he surprised the truth about his own family background.

Harold Brooks-Baker, publisher of Burke's Peerage and an authority on the genealogy of European nobility, said it was highly unlikely that Prince Alexander was, as Lord Lambton claims, not the son of Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse, but of the Grand Duchess and her lover. "The family portraits show him as the image of his father," Brooks-Baker said. It was also unlikely that Prince Alexander's wife, Julie

Startling revelations about the ancestry of the late uncle of the Duke of Edinburgh are made in a new biography of the last viceroy of India.



Lord and Lady Mountbatten in their viceregal clothes, and (left) with the Prince of Wales.

Hulke, was already pregnant when they married. "She came from a very austere background. Historians are always looking for illegitimacy to add a sensational touch."

What is not in dispute is that it was an unequal marriage, although a stable and



long-lasting one. Julie Hulke, although not a commoner, was from very minor nobility and, as was the practice at that time, a member of the true aristocracy who married beneath himself had to create a new family name rather than take his hereditary title. Prince Alexander

therefore chose the name Mountbatten, a tiny hamlet in Hesse where he had a shooting lodge.

It was not uncommon in nineteenth century Europe. Princess May of Teck, who became Queen Mary, should have been a Wurttemberg, but her grandfather married beneath himself, lost the Wurttemberg appellation, and had to create the new name Teck.

"Before she married the future King George V, Princess May was a second-class citizen in her own family. It helps to explain why she was so opposed to her son's association with Wallis Simpson; she knew the drawbacks of unequal marriages", Brooks-Baker said.

Historians do agree that Lord Mountbatten was immensely ambitious for the furtherance of his own name and genes within the British Royal Family, largely to make up for his father Prince Louis of Battenberg being drummed out of his position as First Sea Lord in the early days of the World War I because of his German background.

Through the Duke of Edinburgh he persuaded the Queen that the surname Mountbatten-Windsor should be applied to their children's descendants.

Mountbatten also told an earlier biographer, Richard Hough, that the old Hanoverian royal family line had become so dim that it could barely pass its examinations — until Prince Philip injected a dose of Mountbatten blood and saved it for posterity.

Latest fad in restaurant service

Bored in Boston? Dial-a-sushi from Dallas

By Charles Brenner

YOU are sitting in your flat in Boston and you are bored with the pasta, sushi or magret de canard that you can order from the dozens of restaurants which deliver.

Until the last few months there was little you could do about this tedious dilemma. Now you simply reach for your food guide, dial a decent-sounding place in Beverly Hills, Dallas or wherever, and have them send it up.

It may not yet qualify as fast food — delivery comes the next morning — but America is gleefully leaping into this latest fad in restaurant service.

It was inevitable that, sooner or later, someone would find a way to combine the national mania for the telephone and the boom in gourmet eating with the extraordinary success of Federal Express, the company which guarantees overnight delivery of anything from anywhere to anywhere in the continental United States.

local delicacy. A famous late Memphis resident sometimes used to get his hamburgers that way.

Now, if you really want to impress someone, you order each course from a different region. B.S. Look, a tiny seafood place in Maine, for example, will send you a live lobster. As well as seaweed culled from the Maine coast, they come with bibs, crackers, instructions and place mats.

For your dessert, you might call Hydel's in New Orleans, which will send you its famous Mardi Gras cakes, ready to be heated.

Over the past few months a growing number of restaurants around the country have jumped at the idea. It has long been acceptable for hostesses in places like Manhattan to have a restaurant produce the dinner.

Getting it from an establishment 2,000 miles away adds cachet and makes you feel a little like one of those celebrities who send their Lear jets to pick up some

millions.

Of course, the Federal Expressing of dinner is just part of America's retreat to the home, particularly in the big cities.

Who needs to brave the mean streets with their breathalyzing policemen, beggars and Uzi-toting drug gangs when you can get almost everything delivered to your sofa?

A whole television network is already devoted to "home shopping", and over the past month an enterprising firm has launched a shopping service for travelling businessmen. It sprinkled airports with video kiosks offering a huge array of goods. You stick in your credit card and your choice is taken by Federal Express to your home overnight.

While at home, Americans are increasingly inclined to have someone else do the chores without going to the expense of employing a maid. As well as not cooking, you can now not walk the dog and not hang your clothes up. Dog-walking services have been around for some time.

"Space organizers" are newer. These are experts who come to your house and, for \$50 (£29) an hour, sort out the mess in your bedroom.

Discovering truth in trash

By Jeff Franks

SAN ANTONIO, (Reuters) Archaeologists, who once devoted their time to excavating royal tombs, are now as likely to be seen picking over a rubbish dump.

There has been a general shift in the Western world to an interest in ordinary people instead of just the leaders, said Colin Wells, head of the classical studies department at Trinity University in San Antonio.

Wells has spent 10 years excavating in 1,500-year-old garbage dumps at Carthage in Tunisia.

He headed a Canadian dig at the site of the ancient city in which the aim was to learn about the life of the average Carthaginian during the last three centuries of Roman rule.

The archaeologists were particularly interested in how a middle class neighbourhood was affected by the building of the city wall around the year 425 A.D.

"When the wall was built, it left the street dead in a dead end. The residents turned the dead end into a garbage dump," Wells said.

Lamps, broken wine jars, oyster shells, perfume bottles, dice and animal bones were some of the items unearthed.

Together with architectural evidence, the finds present a glimpse of a city in decline, "mirroring the

fall of the Roman Empire," Wells said.

"We were able to look at a comfortable middle class culture just as it was on the point of decline, and trace that decline."

At this time the Roman Empire in the west was falling apart under the invasion of Goths.

The Carthage wall was built to protect the Romans from the Vandals from northern Europe, who had crossed the Straits of Gibraltar.

Garbage is particularly valuable to archaeologists because it is, in a sense, the naked truth, Wells said.

People throw away things they no longer need and do not worry about the impression they leave.

"They reveal more of themselves when they don't know anyone is looking," Wells said.

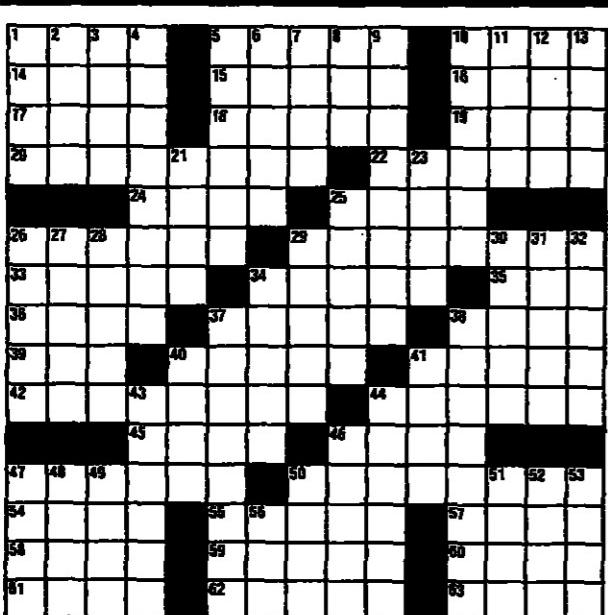
The contrasts with the more traditional fodder for archaeologists, such as items from tombs.

Those things were deliberately buried and so they tell us what the people who put them there want us to know. This, in a sense, was the best they could do," Wells said.

Wells believes that archaeologists of the future will have an advantage over their current and past counterparts because so much of today's refuse is plastic, which does not rot away.

"The original non-biodegradable container was pottery, which is why pottery is fundamental to today's archaeology. We find so much of it," he said.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

PLAY THE ODDS

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

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WEST

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THE bidding:

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Pass

their due. Since North was a passed hand, his three-diamond bid had to denote heart tolerance. The final contract was perfectly reasonable.

West led the king of spades and shifted to a low club. Declarer won in hand, cashed the king of trumps and led a diamond to dummy's ten, which held. A trump finesse succeeded, but when West showed out, declarer was saddled with a trump loser. He switched to the king of diamonds. West grabbed the ace and played another club, and as the cards lay, declarer had to lose a club trick and the trump—down one.

Had the combined trump holding been distributed 5-3, declarer's play would have been correct, since he could afford to guard against a singleton queen offside before taking the finesse. Now, if West shows out on the second round of trumps, declarer can get back to dummy for another finesse. However, when the suit is divided 6-2, the odds change dramatically. Since declarer is going to finesse, he should not first cash the king, because the chances of East holding four trumps headed by the queen are considerably greater than finding West with specifically a singleton queen. Had declarer immediately taken two fineses for the queen, he would have landed his vulnerable game.

The auction was interesting. East's one no trump response was an attempt, at favorable vulnerability, to bluff the opponents out of

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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

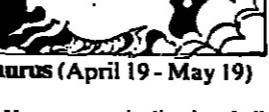
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Aries (March 20 - April 18)

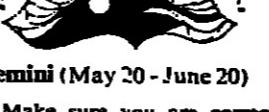
You will have a personal setback but it will not be insurmountable. You should avoid believing all you hear. Make sure you do not spend more than you can readily afford.

Be sincere.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You are too inclined to believe what you want to be the case. Instead you should face up to reality. Avoid getting out of boredom. Be fair.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

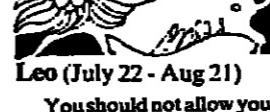
Make sure you are correctly dressed for the climate and occasion. If you are invited do not outstay your welcome. You should not lose the courage of your convictions. Be resilient.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

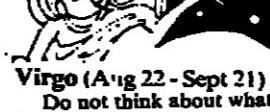
Do not forget about the rate of interest when you consider a loan. Avoid taking more luggage than you really need. Make full use of your commonsense. Be generous.

Be patient.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You should not allow your social life to become too hectic. By all means hope for the best, but do not shut your eyes to the difficulties. By facing up to them you are halfway towards overcoming them. Be brave.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Do not think about what might have been — the past is past. Think instead about how to make the most of your future. And you can enjoy the present without apprehension. Your lucky numbers are 14 and 48. Be polite.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You should try to express yourself more clearly.

New incarnation for 60's style centre

Carnaby Street falls to the yuppies

By Edith M. Lederer

LONDON, (AP): Carnaby Street, which soared to fame as the fashion pacesetter for the Beatles generation of the Swinging Sixties, is seeking a new incarnation as a centre for stylish yuppies of the 1980s.

When Mary Quant's miniskirts and John Stephen's bell-bottom hip-huggers clothed the flower children, London became the fashion capital of the world and Carnaby Street the favourite haunt of the mods and rockers.

For about a decade, young people from New York to Sydney flocked to boutiques called Tom Cat, Take 6 and Lord John to buy the latest in hot pants, platform shoes, wide floral ties and psychedelic shirts.

But as styles changed and rents soared in the early 1970s, Stephen and other designers moved out. Carnaby Street took on a tacky, down-market flavour.

Fashion

The street remains a microcosm of English fashion over the last 20 years: shoppers can buy the '60s mod look, '70s hippie and ethnic fashions and '80s punk leather and sado-masochistic gear, including studded leather belts, sex pistols T-shirts and neo-fascist and Nazi-symbols.

Now the Peachy Property Corporation, the private real estate company that owns about three-quarters of Carnaby Street, wants to restore some fashion magnetism to the two-block thoroughfare tucked behind Regent Street in the heart of central London.

"We're not trying to revive the '60s," said Peter Bourne, Peachey's surveyor for Carnaby Street. "What we are aiming to do in Carnaby Street is cater to the better-off young market, the 15-30 age group who, like the young kids in the '60s, had no shops catering to them, especially in central London."

Over the last two years, Peachey has replaced about half of the shops which sold this fashion mish-mash with branches of pricier fashion chains like Benetton, Supreme, Capricorn, Confetti and Midas.



The businessmen have taken over Carnaby Street, mourn the purists.

London's Carnaby Street, which soared to fame as a 60's pacesetter, is seeking a revival as a centre for stylish yuppies.

The Nazi-insignia merchants have proved such an embarrassment that the two main stores, on an alley off Carnaby Street, are being forced out of business under pressure from Peachey, Westminster Borough Authorities and anti-fascist campaigners.

Mary Quant, who worked out of the King's Road in Chelsea in the 1960s, has opened her first shop on Carnaby Street selling makeup and accessories. She said she was lured by the revival of the surrounding Soho area as a centre for young people and young industries.

Bourne hopes the whole street eventually will be "yupified" with wine bars, restaurants and art galleries.

"It does take a long time to move a whole area around," he said in an interview. "Not only do we have to change tenents, but we have to tell the world this area has changed."

Last June, Peachey relaunched Carnaby Street with balloons, 20,000 leaflets and the message that it was now "synonymous with chic and stylish London." This year, it hopes to start regular street theatre and entertainment and stage fashion and art shows.

Knitwear designer Marion Foale, who moved into Carnaby Street in the early 1960s and did clothes for the Beatles, remembers when it was a quaint backwater where you could get a saddle mended.

Interesting

"Now, it's beginning to come up again," she said. "But it's always different ... the next Carnaby Street will have its own incarnation."

But many shoppers, designers and storekeepers mourn the Carnaby Street they say is gone forever.

"It's an interesting historic

relic. It's where it all started," said Los Angeles-born Griff Fields, who started selling hand-painted, made-to-measure men's clothes to Carnaby Street shops in the late 1960s.

"Carnaby Street was a one-off at its time because it was a street devoted to youth culture," he said. "Every major city in the world today doesn't have only one street, but many streets devoted to youth culture. So you just don't get the uniqueness anymore, and you won't get the uniqueness."

At Inderwick's pipe shop, a Carnaby Street landmark for at least 70 years and the only store left from the 1960s, owner Peter Anderson doubted Peachey would succeed because the street is getting the same stores as dozens of other shopping areas in London.

"Most shops are multiple or franchises. Not one shop has individual character except the Great Frog, because they make their own jewellery," said the 64-year-old businessman, who has worked in the shop for 34 years.

"I can't see it ever becoming what they're aiming for. It's still a street without any character," he said.

Shopkeepers at both ends of the market are unhappy with Carnaby Street's current clientele.

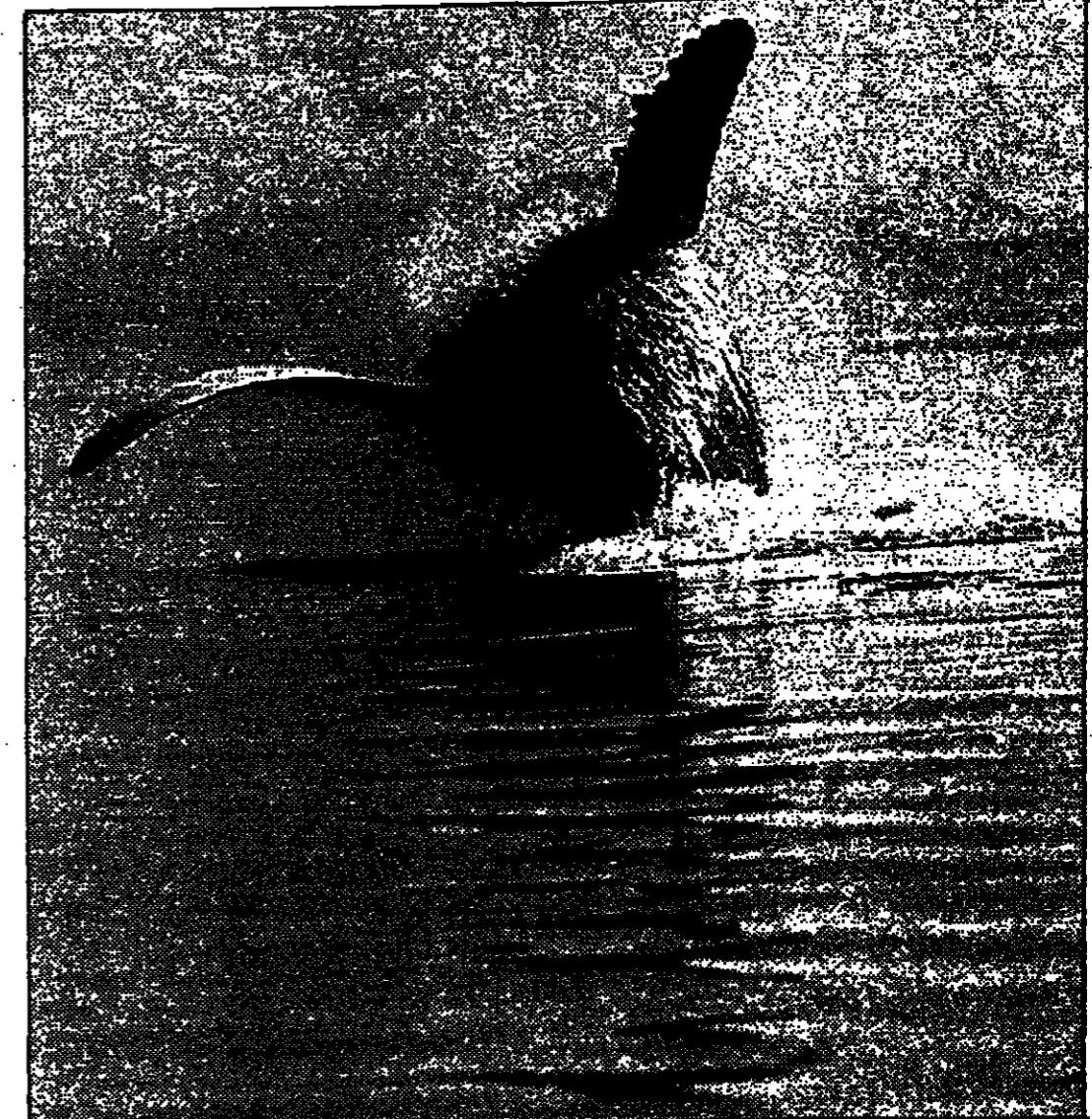
Those at the top said the street was still attracting the same customers it did in 1975 — young people looking for cheap clothes. But those at the bottom complained that the punks, mods, skinheads and hippies had gone and the street was attracting too many straight people in suits.

Potential shoppers wandering along the street recently were also unimpressed.

"It's just like a pedestrian walkway with tacky shops on either side," complained Allen Sawkins, 30, a student and motorcycle courier. "It's just a tourist trap. Most people from London wouldn't come here."

Aian Tate, 20, a student from Manchester, said: "It's gone downhill. It's too respectable now. The businessmen have taken over.

It tries to be anarchic and anti-establishment, but it does it all commercially so it's not unique."



Songs of the deep

The humpback whale has discovered the lyrics as well as the melody.

By Stephen Young

THE world natural teams with virtuosos, but few are as highly acclaimed as the humpback whale.

With its eerie marine arias, this diving diva has gained unique reputation for vocal dexterity — not to mention a promising career as a recording artist.

Yet it now appears that audiences have overlooked a crucial element in the whale's recitals: rhymes. Not content with success as a composer, the whale, it would seem, has also become a talented lyricist.

This startling picture emerges from research carried out by Linda Guinee of the Long Term Research Institute, Massachusetts and Katharine Payne of Cornell University.

Theme

Like dedicated fans of a rock band, the zoologists subjected themselves to hour after hour of taped whale music. In their quest for rhyming patterns, they analysed more than 500 songs, some of which ran to 30 minutes.

Humpback music consists of a series of themes, which are sung in a set order. These themes are built from a repertoire of about 20 basic sounds, ranging from sonorous rumbles to endearing chirps, yupps and cries.

A typical theme might start

with a fanfare and then continue with several renditions of a simple phrase — such as "chirp, chirp, chirp, yup, yup," — before giving way to the next theme in the sequence.

Any such effect would be of

immense value to the humpback, whose powers of recall are under constant pressure. At any one time, the whales of a particular area sing a similar song, albeit with minor personal quirks.

Each singer must learn his part exactly if he is to stay in tune with his rivals, an added complication, the song of the moment tends to change over time. The ambitious whale must follow the trend and memorize the new music, without delay, a task made easier by catchy rhymes.

Two lines of evidence reinforce the zoologists' speculations. For one thing, rhyme is most common in the most convoluted songs. This is exactly what one would expect if rhyming were a device for jogging the cetacean memory. Further support comes from the fact that rhythmic sections of the repertoire. As in human verse, this is where they are most effective.

As with so many skills once thought the exclusive preserve of mankind, it would seem that our animal cousins have a prior claim. Long before our forebears developed the heroic couplet, the humpback whale was busy singing sea shanties.

Turkey shakes regularly but scientists not worried

By Elif Kaban

ISTANBUL, (Reuter): Istanbul trembles several times a day but Turkish scientists monitoring one of the world's most volatile earthquake zones seem unconcerned.

They say the shudders are good for this city of seven million people because tension is being released through the earth's crust.

"Istanbul is shaking everyday, sometimes 10-15 times," said Muammer Dizer, general manager of Turkey's main Kandilli observatory overlooking Istanbul's Bosphorus waterway.

"It's like rocking a baby to sleep," Dizer said. "You don't feel it and we don't tell you to keep calm."

But while Istanbul is relatively safe, the tremors are a sign that danger lurks deep in the earth's crust beneath Turkey.

Earthquakes have struck Turkey repeatedly and with deteriorating standards of construction and the modern trend to taller buildings some officials are worried.

Fifty-three major earthquakes have been registered in Turkey this century killing about 67,000 people.

The worst killed 33,000 people in the eastern town of Erzincan in 1939. Only the railway station and the local brothel were left standing.

In December an earthquake killed 25,000 people in neighbouring Soviet Armenia and four people in eastern Turkey.

"The lives of millions of people are at risk because of a lack of standardisation and quality con-

trol in building materials," top contractor Mevlut Hamzaoglu warned.

Hamzaoglu, head of the public

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The recent Armenian quake, centred 100 km (60 miles) from the Turkish border, was as strong as one that killed 1,153 people in Turkey's nearby Erzurum and Kars provinces in 1983.

There are three major earthquake fault lines through Turkey, the least studied and most violent being the north Anatolian fault which crosses the eastern part of country.

"We do not have enough access deep into east Anatolia," said Balamer Ucer, Kandilli's deputy general manager. "Only after the Armenian quake did we discover that another branch extends into the Caucasus, not just into Iran."

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Kandilli officials hope funds and technology can be brought from abroad since Japanese, West German and British scientists are studying Turkey's seismic history.

"Our country is a laboratory for them," Ucer said, adding Turkey needed any help it could get to understand the messages being sent from under the earth's crust.

"Turkey can face a 6.5-7.0 magnitude earthquake at any time. But when? Only a fortuneteller can tell and we don't know the answer," Ucer said.

GIRL DIAGNOSES OWN PROBLEM

By Caren Ross

NEW YORK, (Reuter): For most New Yorkers a brush with wool means sighting a squirrel or wiping off a pigeon dropping.

But the city is the heart of an increasingly big and boisterous animal-rights campaign sweeping the country.

"New York City has become the animal rights centre of America," said George Cave, president of Trans-Species, one of about 7,000 groups nationwide waging drives against cruelty to animals.

The group's aims range from liberating lobsters from cooks' cauldrons to halting the trafficking of endangered species, and their tactics are equally varied.

Some promote fur coat slath-bombing and arson, while most stick to protest marches and mass mailings.

Some refuse to buy eggs and wool. Others savour a slab of cooked veal — as long as the calf wasn't confined to a tiny stall or cruelty to animals.

The abundance here of exotic skins and furs, and plenty of people rich and bold enough to wear them makes New York the perfect stage for animal rights protests.

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I'm a 10-year-old girl who has never had chicken pox. Sixteen days ago the girl who sits next to me in class broke out with them. Yesterday I found two red bumps on my face with sort of a blister in them. I also have cold-like symptoms, such as a sore throat and runny nose. Do you think I have a very mild case of chicken pox, or should I wait and see if more spots appear?

ANSWER: By the time you read this in your newspaper, the verdict will be in, but your question provides me with the opportunity to review the details of chicken pox (varicella) for all.

Yes, I think you have it, probably in a mild form. Chicken pox is a highly communicable viral infection, and begins 11 to 15 days after exposure starting with the cold symptoms you described. The spots are red with a clear "tear drop" blister at first and rapidly turn to crusty lesions within six to eight hours. The rash comes in crops, with new spots developing as old ones begin to fade away, and spreads all over the body. By the fifth or sixth day no new lesions will develop and even the crusts will be gone in less than 20 days.

It's a very itchy disease, but don't scratch

since this can provoke additional skin infection and leave you with ugly little scars (pox marks). Usually wet compresses can control the itch. In severe cases, antihistamines may be used. Since some scratching always occurs, and since bacterial infection of the skin occurs frequently, it's a good idea to keep your nails clipped short, and wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.

As with all viral infections in young people, aspirin should not be taken, to prevent the development of Reyes Syndrome. I hope your case was a mild one, and that you are now back in school. You can let me know in your next letter.

QUESTION: I'm bothered by blisters on the fingers of both my hands. I can sometimes pick off one or two, but usually they just grow back. Is it true that frequently soaking your hands in a solution made of vinegar and sea water can make the things disappear and prevent them from returning?

ANSWER: Your "solution" is a new one to me, although the remedies that are claimed to cure the common warts sometimes defy the imagination. Mark Twain used the example of "spunk water" and a dead cat twirled over your head on a string.

The reason that such therapies seem to

work may be due to the fact that sometimes warts just go away by themselves, but the "cure" gets the credit. Warts are caused by a virus, which explains why they sometimes spread or come in clusters. One thing for sure, picking at them as you do will only make them spread and may explain why you never seem to be without them.

Although not all remedies work on all warts all the time, medical science has come up with its own weapons to attack this ever occurring nuisance. Electrocautery, or burning warts with a controlled electrical current may require but a single session to eradicate your warts.

Frequently cryosurgery, or freezing with liquid nitrogen is effective in treating single, small uncomplicated warts. Several applications of a flexible collodion solution containing 16 percent salicylic acid 16 percent lactic acid may just peel those offensive bumps away. The problem is that they may recur if some of the virus remains in the body. However a bit of patience, and careful, repeated treatments of one type or another may soon see you rid of your problem.

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Electrocautery,

INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Bubbly, fluffy, nifty, shifty**By Fathima Ahmed**

Arab Times staff
SRI DEVI was just great in Mr India: she rolled her eyes, bounded like a ball and gyrated to a nonsensical tune called "Hawa Hawa", and with a tongue-in-cheek performance, she bubbled unrefined. She does have a talent for comedy.

In Prayag Raaj's Gair Kanooni (Illegal), Sri Devi is adorable as Lakshmi, the girl who had "a father who is like a father but is not a father"; she is an expert pick-pocket playing a "shy girl" in the morning, a teenager in the afternoon and a blind, helpless woman in the evening. No one minds Lakshmi's antics, not even when she beats up a dancer for "distracting my father's attention"; or for walking away with a ransom meant for someone else after a chase in a car park. The best moments are when she talks about "ezza pakana and ezzat bakhana" you just want a little more of that naughty, chirpy Sri Devi.

The movie, Gair Kanooni, is no great cinematic achievement. Director Prayag Raaj wants to entertain, and in the process make a fast buck; so he stuffs it with "the formula"; the lost and found son/daughter issue; a paternity case that drags for 20 years, and is ultimately resolved in an "out-of-court" settlement; mind you, not before the formulas have a full run.

Instead of reworking the formulas, Raaj chooses to revitalise them: for instance, stereotypes. Dalal Jootawala (Kader Khan), the root cause of all trouble, Jootawala pays the price for "insulting" Lakshmi; Dr D'Costa (Ranjeet) a hospital owner involved in seedy practices; Inspector Kapil Khanna (Shashi Kapoor), a police officer fighting a prolonged court battle to get back his "stolen son"; and Om Narayan (Govinda), a small-time crook who promises to "marry" every girl whose father can give him a "handsome dowry". No mention of stereotypes would be complete without Akbar Khan (Rajnikant).

ant), the Pathan who speaks Urdu with a Tamil accent; Khan's attributes range from catching a flying cigarette between his blue/black lips to plastering aces on the bosom of a young girl (Kimi Katkar).

If you hope to find anything remotely sensible in Gair Kanooni, don't watch it. But see it if you like Sri Devi or Govinda, together they'll make you laugh.

Hum Intezaar Karenge

No one dare smile in Prabhat Raj's film, Hum Intezaar Karenge (Waiting for You?). S. B. Sharma's story is supposed to be a romance; perhaps, a serious one. But Sharma is not sure whether he wants it to be a tragedy or a comedy; it's both, and it's a drag.

The romantic couple are separated for three years because the young man Ajay (Mithun Chakraborty) wants to make himself worthy of the girl he wants to marry. The trouble is not because of a shortage of romantic footage but due to the prolonged emphasis on the brotherly ties between Ajay (Mithun Chakraborty) and good friend Vinod Mehra.

While director Raj tackles the issue of fraud by best-friend Ajay, and Vinod's broken heart, Ms. Manisha languishes in her bedroom as Shakti plays the devil separating the two lovers.

If you have plenty of time, and would like to waste a couple of hours, indulge yourself in Hum Intezaar Karenge. Mithun Chakraborty's character makes an impression; Padmini behaves like woman; and Vinod Mehra plays a typical Indian male.

Paaanch Fauladi

The iron-fisted men of tinsel town are out to hoodwink you in Paaanch Fauladi (Five Iron-Men). One has the sneaky suspicion that someone somewhere stole several sequences from dacoit and Amitabh films reshaped the themes and put in the Paaanch Fauladi to play the shifty wonderboys with toy guns.

The greatest wonder is how one could get away with a film



Above: Padmini Kolhapure plays the woman who waits for her prince charming to return in Hum Intezaar Karenge; (right): Sridevi is charming in Gair Kanooni.



like that. It starts in Bombay and ends in the valleys of the Chambal, the decot-infested land, where Zorawar (Raza Murad) reigns supreme, that is until the ironmen decide to get rid of him. Raj Babbar, Hemant Birje, Amjad Khan, Dara Singh and a host of others star in this film.

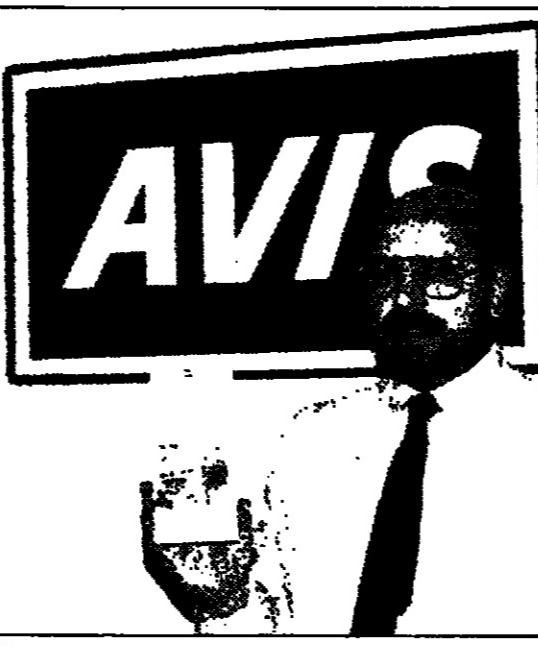
Amjad Khan carries Paaanch Fauladi on his shoulder; even if he plays an "adorable brother." If it were not for Amjad's futile dream of finding the girl of his dreams, we would switch off the film after 10 minutes viewing.

No one would want to sit through an overworked formula movie that indulges in confused self-pity; even if they claim to uphold the honour of their sister. One only wishes that some scriptwriters have temporary amnesia and forget the existence of dacoit to avoid films like Fauladi.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya; Tel: 471-2900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.

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**Car rental rates for Europe, US**

General Manager of Avis, Kuwait, Ernest A. Cunningham launched the 1989 Avis holiday car rental rates for Europe and the US at a ceremony held at the Avis head office, Al Qubla Towers. Fahad Al Salem St. Cunningham said the all-inclusive rates for Europe and unlimited mileage rates for the US are the best yet, and represent a real bargain for anyone wishing to hire a car for their vacation.

Above: Cunningham introducing the new rates.



Govinda plays the prince charming, with an eye on a girl's wealth in Gair Kanooni (file photo of Govinda Nite).

WHAT'S ON**ARTS****Ghadir Gallery**

UNTIL April 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salhiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.00 noon and 7-10 pm.

Kuwait Science Museum
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THEATRE**Hindi play**

MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society, Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled 'Bin Baati ke Deep'; followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact: Tel: 4880965; 5625810; 3725627.

Reflections

April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The School of Contemporary Dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" at the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets — KD 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm, Sat-Wed; ticket order: answer phone — 5382099, 2-6 pm.

SOCIAL

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Kuwait Little Theatre
April 20: KL1, Ahmad, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmad, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3985964, 3919759.

Bayanahan
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will

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Flach and Seguso beat Noah and Forget

Americans win Davis Cup quarterfinals

SAN DIEGO, April 9, (AP): Ken Flach and Robert Seguso beat Yannick Noah and Guy Forget of France 6-2, 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 to clinch the Davis Cup quarterfinals series for the United States last night.

Taken to the tiebreaker twice, the US team prevailed after the second set, 7-4, and won the fourth-set tiebreaker 7-3.

Seguso used a strong serve to handcuff Forget and Noah on consecutive points to give the Americans a 3-3 lead in the final tiebreaker. On the next point, Seguso put a shot away at the net for the win.

With singles victories by John McEnroe and Andre Agassi Friday, the United States holds an insurmountable 3-0 lead with two singles matches to play today.

Flach and Seguso, who improved their Davis Cup record to 10-0 as a team, took control in the first set with a pair of service breaks that resulted in a 4-1 edge.

The US team couldn't convert on a break point with Noah serving the first game, but did so against Forget in the third game.

With points on a job by Seguso and Flach's forehand service return that hit Noah, the United States gained a double break point. Noah had a winner on the

next point, but Forget then double-faulted to lose the game.

The United States broke France the next time it served after it failed to capitalize on a game point. After Flach evened the score at deuce, Noah twice had trouble on service returns, putting the United States ahead 4-1.

To open the second set, the United States had four break points on Noah's serve but France prevailed in the game that lasted 12 points.

In the tiebreaker, Flach and Seguso took a 3-2 lead when Seguso hit a winning crosscourt return off Forget's serve, starting a string of three straight points for the United States.

Noah and Forget won the next set after breaking Seguso's serve for a 3-2 lead.

Seguso double-faulted to open the game and the United States went down 0-30 before recovering for deuce. But the following two points went to France as Noah converted on a lob and then won an exchange of volleys in the final set.

Break

France had three break points against Seguso's serve in the first game of the fourth set, but the United States won by taking the last three points. Another break

point was wasted by France in the seventh game.

Both sides held serve throughout the final set.

In singles play today, McEnroe is scheduled to play Henri Leconte in the first match with Agassi meeting Noah to close the series.

France initially announced

that Leconte would play doubles

Saturday night, but left the open

the possibility of change and

decided to play Forget, who

entered the match with an 8-0

doubles record in Cup competi-

Victory

If Leconte had played, it would have been a rematch between the same players who met for the US Open championship in 1985. Flach and Seguso won the title after a disputed play known as the "hairball incident." The French players felt a shot hit Flach's hair but the ball was ruled out, and Flach and Seguso then cruised to the win in the final set.

In other Davis Cup quarterfin-

als, Yugoslavia clinched its

match against Spain with a vic-

tory in the doubles, Cze-

choslovakia took a 2-1 lead over

defending champion West Ger-

many and Sweden took a 2-1 lead

over Austria.

In qualifying play for next

year's Cup, Bangladesh moved

into the semifinals in the As-

Oceania Group with a victory in

the doubles that gave it an

unbeatable 3-0 lead over Sin-

gapore and Brazil took a 2-0 lead

over Peru in an American zone

semifinal. Yugoslavia 3, Spain 0.

Slobodan Zivojinovic and

Goran Ivanisevic had a total of

27 aces as they beat Emilio San-

chez and Sergio Casal 4-6, 6-4, 4-

6, 7-6, 13-11 in a four-hour match

to move the Yugoslavs into the

semifinals against the Austria-

Sweden winner. The Yugoslavs

had just four double faults.

The marathon match, before a

partisan crowd of 5,000 at the

Gripe Sports Hall in Split, finally

ended when the Yugoslavs broke

Casal's serve, then held their own

serve to capture the match. Cze-

choslovakia 2, West Germany 1.

Milan Stejber and Petr Korda

beat Boris Becker and Eric Jelen

6-3, 6-7, (2-7), 3-6, 7-6 (9-7), 6-3

in 3 hours and 47 minutes to give

Czechoslovakia its victory in

Prague.

In today's deciding singles,

Srejber takes on Becker while

Carl-Uwe Steeb plays Karel

Novacek of Czechoslovakia.

The winner of the match plays

the United States.

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Leaders Bayern held to a draw



Roland Wohlfarth (front) of Bayern Munich tries to pass Bremen's Jonny Otten during their soccer match in Munich. (Reuter wirephoto)

BONN, April 9, (Reuter): West German champions Werder Bremen held League leaders Bayern Munich to a goalless draw in Munich yesterday as Bayern suffered their third setback in eight days.

But, with second-placed Cologne able only to scramble a 2-2 draw at home to mid-table Kaiserslautern, Bayern stay three points ahead with 37 points from 25 games.

Bayern lost their unbeaten League record in Hamburg last week and the first leg of their UEFA Cup semifinal to Napoli on Wednesday.

Unable

Yesterday they were unable to find a way to unlock the cleverly-deployed Werder defence.

Watched by a 51,000 home crowd, the nearest Bayern came to scoring in the first-half was when Norbert Nachtweih hit the bar with 25-metre free kick.

Early in the second half Bayern stepped up the pace and Olaf Thom missed badly from close in.

Replied

But their efforts petered out and in the last 20 minutes as they came under increasing pressure from Werder.

A Frank Neubarth header skimmed the Bayern bar and Guenter Hermann headed against a post.

The draw kept Werder in third place with 32 points, two behind Cologne, who were lucky to

emerge with a point.

Falko Goetz put Cologne in the 40th minute but Kaiserslautern replied with goals by Harald Kohr (61st) and Bruno Labbadia (87th).

A last minute Pierre Littbarski penalty rescued Cologne.

Hamburg came away with both points from Bayer Uerdingen. Uwe Bein and Thomas von Heesen were the scorers in the 2-0 win which took Hamburg to 31 points with a match in hand on the three teams above them.

VFB Stuttgart, 1-0 winners over East Germany's Dynamo Dresden in the UEFA Cup semifinal tie in midweek, lost 1-0 at Nuremberg, a 65th minute goal from Reiner Wirsching setting the issue.

West Indies lose late wickets

Manjrekar takes India to 321

BRIDGETOWN, April 9, (Reuter): West Indies lost four late wickets on the second day yesterday to surrender the initiative in the second Test after they had moved confidently to 201 for one in reply to India's 321 all out.

They ended on 246 for five with Gordon Greenidge having struck a superb 117, his 17th Test hundred and his fifth against India.

Before lunch India's Sanjay Manjrekar had completed a maiden Test hundred, although needing 57 minutes to add seven runs to his overnight 93. He was finally out for 108.

Greenidge reached his century from only 155 balls, hitting eleven fours and six sixes.

Lifted

But in the over after the opener's dismissal, Narendra Hirwani lifted India into the match when he bowled Keith Arthurton first ball off the inside edge and then

Thunderstorm halts Masters golf

Crenshaw takes third round lead

AUGUSTA, Georgia, April 9, (Reuter): Ben Crenshaw played the first seven holes in three under par yesterday to grab the third round lead in the Masters tournament just as a thunderstorm temporarily suspended play.

The storm, which brought dangerous lightning and rain to the Augusta national course, held up the action for about an hour and 40 minutes.

Before that, Crenshaw, the 1984 Masters champion, took a two-stroke lead as second-round co-leaders Lee Trevino and Nick Faldo, who started the day three under par and two shots in front, were moving backward.

Faldo opened with a double bogey on the 400-yard 1st hole, then birdied the 2nd and 5th to get back to three under before he bogeyed the 7th hole as play was halted.

Trevino, who had been enjoying one of his best Masters in 18 appearances here, could do nothing right as strong winds picked up as the storm approached.

The Texan, still seeking his first Masters green jacket, bogeyed the 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th holes to drop to one over par and five shots behind Crenshaw.

Ken Green, who started the day tied with four others at one under par, balanced one bogey and a birdie to stay within three

shots of the lead.

He was the only other player better than par when the lightning lit up the dark skies and officials suspended play.

Seve Ballesteros, who also began at one under, made three bogeys and two birdies, to stand at even par along with Tom Watson and Scott Hoch.

Greg Norman, playing earlier in the day when the weather conditions were better, made a charge for the lead with a four-under-par front nine that moved him to one over.

Before the storm moved in, three players shot 69s — former champions Larry Mize and Fuzzy Zoeller and Paul Azinger of Yugoslavia taking the silver.

Swedes reach world table tennis finals

DORTMUND, West Germany, April 9, (Reuter): China's hopes of defending the world men's singles table tennis title they have held for eight years vanished today when Jan-Ove Waldner and Jorgen Persson set up the first all-Swedish final.

Yu Shentong, China's sole representative in the last four of the event was outclassed by Persson, losing 11-21 10-21 9-21 in the semifinals.

Yoo Nam-Kyu and Hyun Jung-Hwa of South Korea won the mixed doubles gold at the World Table Tennis Championships today with Zoran Kalinic and Gordana Perkovic of Yugoslavia taking the silver.

Title holders clinch victory over Everton

Arsenal back on top of First Division

LONDON, April 9, (Reuters): Arsenal wrested the leadership of the English First Division back from Liverpool yesterday, responding to the formidable challenge of the all-conquering title-holders with a 2-0 win over Everton.

Liverpool topped Arsenal from the top spot for the first time in 1989 when they trounced Sheffield Wednesday 5-1 in a match brought forward to avoid a clash with the Grand National horse race at nearby Aintree.

Liverpool, timing their championship charge to perfection, moved ahead on goal difference after their eighth successive League victory but held the distinction for just 3-1/2 hours.

Netted

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Wimbledon, 1-0 up after five minutes through John Fasham, penalty, found themselves 4-1 down five minutes into the second half at Queen's Park Rangers' home.

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In Scotland, top marksmen Ally McCoist kept Rangers four points ahead of the pack in the Premier League, scoring in the 59th minute to give the leaders a 1-0 win over Motherwell.

Maintained

Second-placed Aberdeen maintained their challenge with a 2-1 away win over Hibernian fuelled by goals from Paul Mason and Jim Bett. Keith Houston scored his second goal in two matches for Hibernian since his transfer from Coventry.

Celtic, hit by injuries and suspensions, were defeated 2-0 at bottom club Hamilton.

Results

English Division One

Arsenal 2, Everton 0
Coventry 2, Norwich 1
Liverpool 5, Sh. Wed. 1
Middlesbrough 3, Southend 3
Millwall 0, Man. United 0
Newcastle 1, Aston Villa 2
QPR 4, Wimbledon 3
West Ham 1, Derby 1

Postponed: Luton v. Charlton, Nottingham Forest v. Tiverton.

Sunday: League Cup final Luton v. Nottingham Forest

English Division Two

Barnsley 2, Shrewsbury 0
Birmingham 1, Fleetwood 2
Blackburn 0, Luton 1
Bournemouth 0, Watford 1
Bradford 3, Oldham 0
Ipswich 1, Stoke 2
Manch. City 2, Swindon 1
Oxford 3, Sunderland 0
Portsmouth 2, Chelsea 3
West Brom 3, Plymouth 2

Sunday: Plymouth v. Leeds

Second Premier Division

Dundee United 2, Dundee 1

Hamilton 2, Celtic 0
Hibernian 1, Aberdeen 2
Rangers 1, Motherwell 1
St Mirren 1, Hearts 1

English Division Three

Aldershot 4, Bury 1
Blackpool 2, Reading 4
Bolton 3, Notts County 2
Bristol City 0, Southend 2
Huddersfield 2, Chesterfield 0
Northampton 3, Chester 1
Port Vale 2, Gillingham 1
Shef. United 3, Preston 1
Swansea 1, B. Rovers 2
Wolverhampton 2, Bradford 2
Watford 3, Coventry 1

Played Friday: Cardiff v. Wigan 1

English Division Four

Crewe 0, Scarborough 1
Doncaster 0, Lincoln 0
Grimbsy 1, Burnley 0
Harlepool 2, Colchester 1
Hereford 1, Darlington 1
Peterborough 2, Torquay 1
Rockdale 0, Leyton Orient 1
Wrexham 3, Chester 1

Played Friday:

Halifax 1, Rotherham 1
Stockport 2, Carlisle 1
Tranmere 2, Scunthorpe 1

Scottish Division One

Ayr 2, Clydebank 1
Clyde 1, Forfar 0
Dundee 1, Airdrie 1
Dunfermline 1, Raith 0
Falkirk 3, Kilmarnock 2
Meadowbank 1, Morton 2
Q. of South 1, St. Johnstone 1
St. Johnstone 1, Partick 1

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